

# Rose of May Organic Floral water France

*Rosa centifolia* L.



**Floral**  
Rosy



Botanical family : Rosaceae  
Method of culture : Organic  
Part harvested : Fresh flowers

INCI : Rosa centifolia flower water

## Specifications

Method for obtaining : Steam distillation

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Appearance : Colourless limpid liquid

Constituents : Of the volatile fraction : phenylethyl alcohol, citronellol, geraniol, nerol

## Harvest period

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The May rose, a member of the Rosaceae family, is a symbol of Grasse's agricultural heritage. It is this unique terroir between the mountains and the sea that gives this flower its fragrance, so prized by perfumers. It is also known as the "Centifolia rose," a reference to the bloom's multitude of petals. There are two species of rose used in perfumery: the May rose or *Rosa centifolia*, and the Damask rose, from which essential oil or absolute is extracted.

Having arrived in Europe in the late 16th century, this flower so emblematic of the perfume industry, alongside jasmine and iris, has brought worldwide fame to Grasse. Albert Vieille, established in the Grasse region for over a century, helps to promote and develop this legacy of perfume-plant savoir-faire, and we have a partnership with organic farmers in the Var department and the Grasse region. The flowers are hand-gathered in May, when just opened. To preserve their scent and the flowers' integrity, the harvest takes place dawn, before the heat of the day. Our mobile distillery lets us distill the flowers at the edge of the fields to obtain May rose floral water, with floral, rosy notes. Floral water is well-known for its many skincare applications.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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