

# Rose Floral water Bulgaria

*Rosa damascena* Mill.



**Floral**  
Rosy



Botanical family : Rosaceae  
Method of culture : Conventional  
Part harvested : Flowers

CAS TSCA : 8007-01-0  
INCI : Rosa damascena flower water

## Specifications

Method for obtaining : Hydrostillation of the fresh material  
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Appearance : Colourless limpid liquid  
Constituents : Water and essential oil titration

## Harvest period

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According to Indian legend, the palace gardens belonging to the Mughal Emperor Jahangir featured canals that flowed with rose water. One day, his favorite sultana requested that the foam that floated in the canals be removed. The foam gave off the most incomparable fragrance, and the sultana thought it was the most intoxicating scent she had ever smelled. Thus rose distillation was born. Damask rose or *Rosa damascena* in Latin originated, as the name suggests, in the capital of Syria. Many products are made from the legendary flower: the absolute, the concrete, and the floral water. The flowers are harvested during the months of May and June in Bulgaria. Harvesting must take place quickly because the rose's flowering period is relatively short, between 25 and 40 days. The fresh flowers are carefully picked by hand and transported in burlap sacks to the processing unit. They then undergo water distillation to produce both the rose essential oil and the rose floral water. Damask rose floral water has an intense floral character with rosy and animalic facets. In terms of fragrance, it differs from May rose floral water, which has herbaceous rather than animalic notes.

The first distillation of rose water dates back to the 1st century BC. The genealogy of the rose is complex because it hybridizes easily. Thus, *Rosa centifolia* is partly derived from the Damask rose, which is said to have been imported into Bulgaria in the 17th century. Today, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Morocco are the world's leading producers of Damask roses. As with wine and terroirs, the rose has differing qualities depending on its origin. Rose floral water is used in skincare for its toning and rejuvenating effects, but also to help combat wrinkles.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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