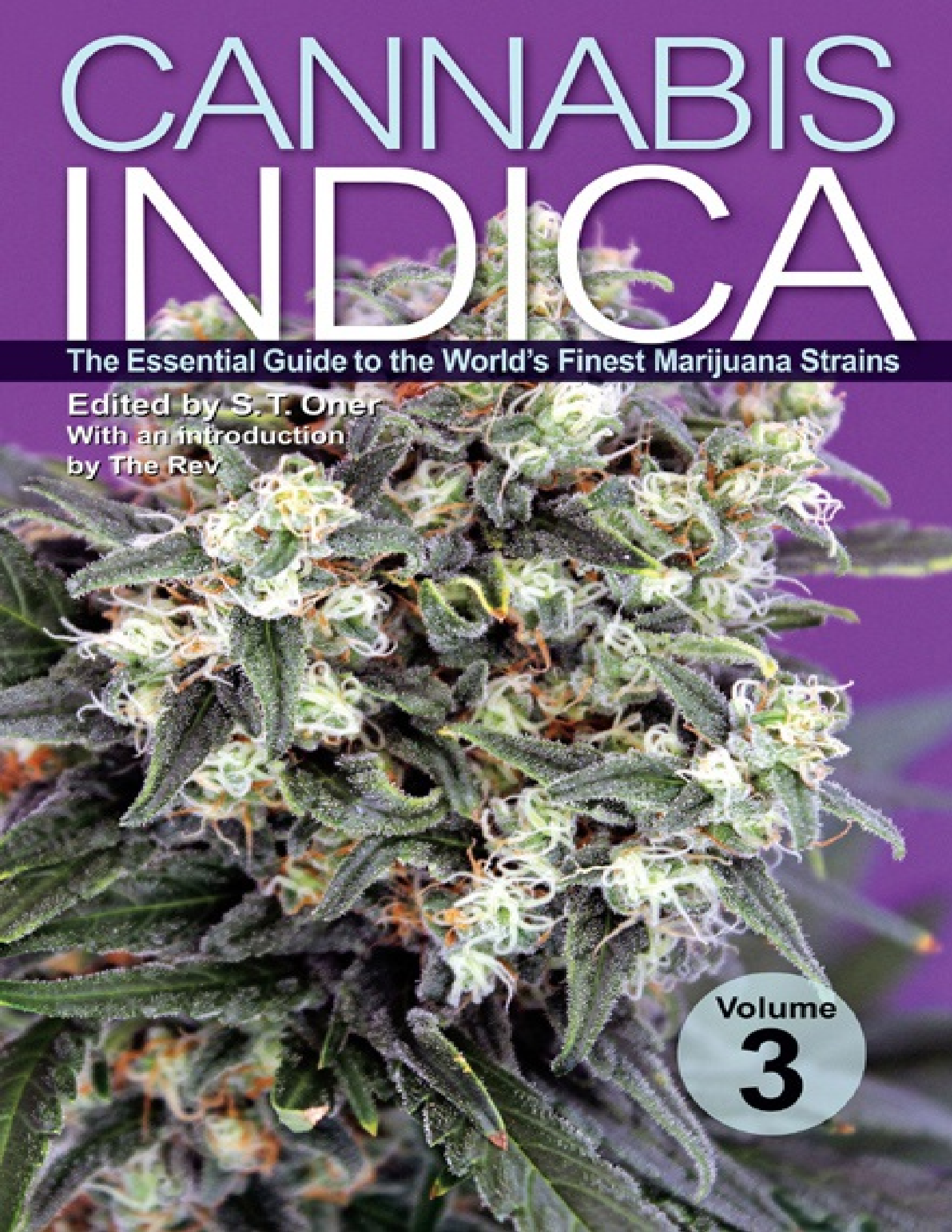


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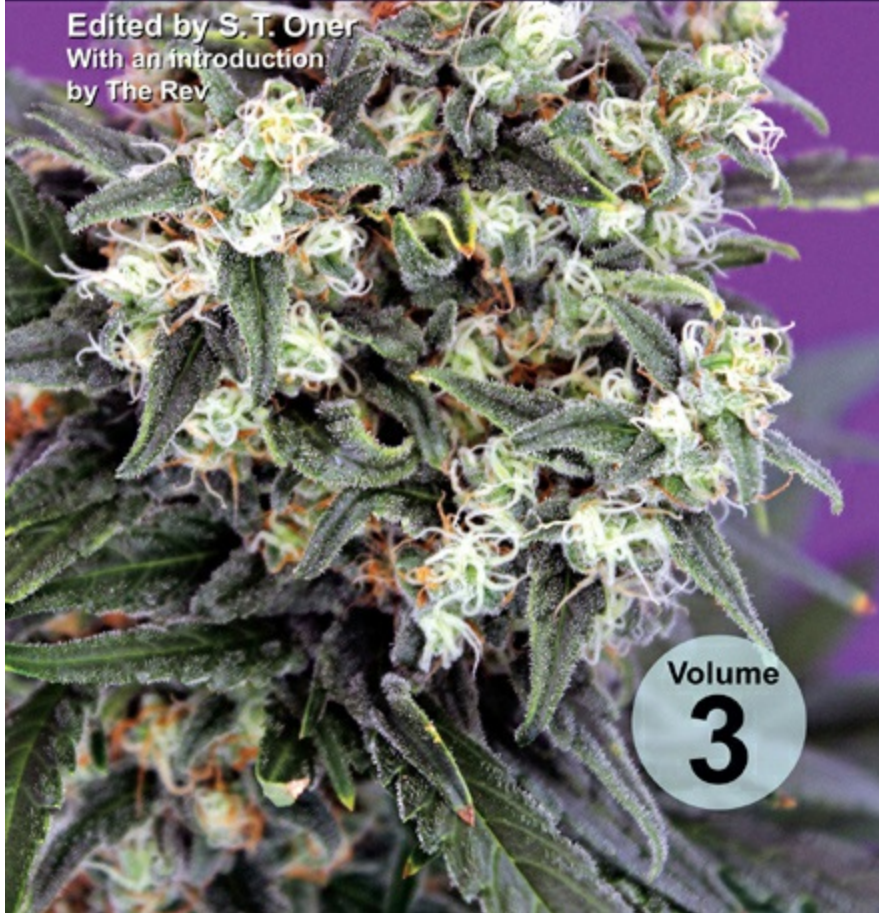
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Dedication

by S.T. Oner

“You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming.”

— Pablo Neruda

As always, I wholeheartedly dedicate this book to the fine people at NORML and everyone who has fought against the unjust war on this incredible plant. The work that NORML and similar organizations around the world continue to do has allowed me not only to begin this dedication with a message of hope rather than a message of defeat, but also is quite literally changing the landscape of cannabis legalization in both the medical and recreational fields. We can never be thankful enough to those who dedicate their lives to advancing cannabis law reform.

Since the publication of the first four volumes in this series, *Cannabis Indica, Vols. 1 and 2* and *Cannabis Sativa, Vols. 1 and 2*, I've been overwhelmed by support, assistance and appreciation from almost every corner of the globe. Such love and kind words push me forward with ever greater passion, so I must thank everyone who's bought one of these guides as well as those many, many talented folks whose work exists on these pages. Thank you for coming with me on this exploration of the best cannabis there is.

Without the fantastic breeders and seed companies whose work appears between these pages, I would never have been able to accomplish such a mammoth task. This book features breeders from the USA, Canada, Holland, Britain, Spain, Russia, Australia, and quite a few other countries which cannot be listed due to certain draconic laws against this most holy of plants. There are some contributors who wish to remain anonymous, but who deserve recognition and respect nonetheless, as does everyone on the online forums who help us find some extremely rare genetics.

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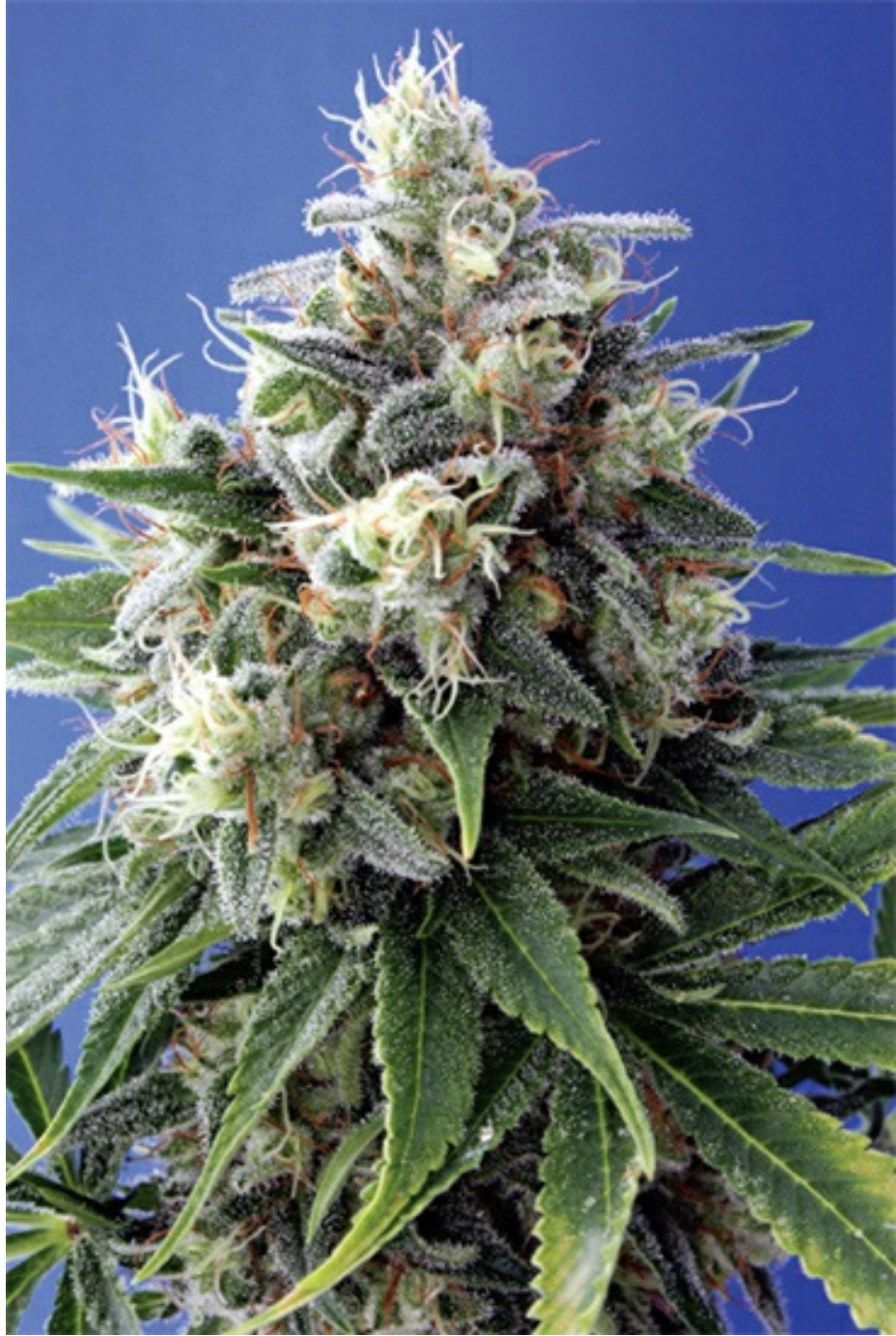
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Preface

Cannabis Indica: How Far We've Come

Hello, friend! Come in and get yourself a drink and roll yourself a fat one; within the pages of this book are 100 strains to drool over, crave, and otherwise get excited about, so we're going to be here for a while.

I'm super stoked to be here with you once again, exploring the fat colas, thick stems and super dank smoke of the best cannabis indica plants that the world has to offer. Ever since the publication of the first book in this series, *Cannabis Indica: The Essential Guide to the World's Finest Marijuana Strains, Volume 1*, I've been on a worldwide search for the best and brightest breeders and their strains, in order to turn this series into an invaluable encyclopedia of the most exciting cannabis plants from around the globe. With 5 volumes of my cannabis strain guides now on bookshelves, hidden under beds, and proudly displayed in headshops, covering countless classic strains as well as hundreds of new and thrilling plants from numerous countries, I can safely say that we're well on our way to that goal.

But did you ever think we'd get this far?

These books are more than pretty pictures of gorgeous plants and descriptions of how high they'll get you. They're more than pages of information, and of cannabis history that goes back thousands of years. They're more, even, than a labor of love, made possible through collaboration with hundreds of fantastic and talented cannabis lovers, breeders, growers, photographers, and tokers.

These books are an indicator of just how far we've come, but they are

also a stark reminder of how far we still need to go.



Think about it: every breeder contained within these pages represents one person who, faced with restrictive laws (and sometimes operating completely outside of the law), has realized his or her own freedoms and has chosen to improve their lives, their health, or even just their downtime, by dedicating their time to creating new strains of cannabis. They've taught themselves the skills to create new life from old, to bring together different genetics to give birth to the offspring that they're looking for, and to stabilize that strain so that others may enjoy it – and then they've released the product of years of hard work into the world for us to toké, grow and love.

Every seed company in this book is made up of groups of people so dedicated to providing people all over the world with fantastic strains of cannabis that they've made it their careers, often in countries where even possessing cannabis is completely illegal. They've brought genetics from across the globe, and even hunted down landrace and heirloom strains, so that they could work their magic to produce dozens and dozens of new varieties to suit any taste or need. They pride themselves on quality, to provide us with the best possible choice of marijuana.

Every photo in this book shows a skilled breeder doing what they do best. Many of these people are also providing medicine to patients in need, even when they might legally be at risk by doing so. They're hauling soil bags, watering daily, tinkering with pH levels, killing bugs, talking to plants and ventilating grow rooms so that their finished flowers are big, fat, juicy, and medicinal. They're making grow rooms in their attics, or hiding grows in their back yards, or maybe even tending to acres of grow space somewhere

where they won't be found. They're growing buds, making tinctures, baking edibles, creating salves, rolling hash, and sharing this natural medicine with all who need it.

And every reader, every one of you, is a person looking to educate themselves even further about this great plant. You've probably tasted the sweet smoke more than once, but you want to know more about it; about the strains that grow the world over and what they can do for you. You want to know how to grow, how to make your plants perfect, how to breed, how to trim, how to flush, how to cure, how to dry, and how to make your final harvest as big as it can be. You want to know how to be a producer, for yourselves and for others.



This striving to be better, and to make the cannabis community better, shows just how far we've come. The secrecy under which many of the people featured in this book operate shows how far we still need to go.

In the last year, Colorado and Washington became the first two states to fully legalize cannabis. That's right; no medical license is necessary. No script from a doctor is required to legitimize that dime bag you're carrying or the half smoked joint that's in your ashtray. This was as amazing as it was surprising, and surely paves the way for more states to follow their lead. On top of this, we're getting close to having 20 states embracing legal medical marijuana, with ever more realizing that prohibition of this plant is both ludicrous and morally wrong, and changing the way they treat those who love this incredible plant.

This book then, is more than a collection of strains, breeders and growers: it's a celebration of the advances we've made.

Almost every new strain is an advancement of some sort, but when I think of strains within these pages that have broken the mold, a few in particular spring to mind. One of these special plants is Betty Boo from High Bred Seeds by the Joint Doctor – a plant so compact and heavy with buds at full maturity that I thought it was a single loaded cola the very first time that I saw it in real life. Of course, we should have come to expect nothing less from the man who introduced auto-flowering strains into the market with his game-changing Lowryder, but Betty Boo is something different altogether: the sort of plant that closet growers with limited space have been dreaming about for years.



I'm always super happy to feature new breeders and seed companies in these books, so I'm stoked to have Spain's Projects Seeds in this edition with their wonderfully cheesy Cheedar strain. I'm excited to feature the Friesland BX from HortiLab Seeds in Holland – a strain I've wanted to put in a book for years. One of the most exciting new seed companies in this book is Newhouse Seeds by the talented and passionate breeder Tierra Rojo, who is represented by the indica-dominant Hanis. I had the opportunity to take a tour around the Newhouse grow facility late last year, and I've never seen so many grow rooms running at such capacity in my life before. All these amazing breeders in these pages both inspire me and make me proud, and I hope that all my future strain guides will continue to feature such incredible breeders and seed companies.

As with any true indica guide, many of the strains within this book are utilized daily by medical patients who use indicas to kill their pain, encourage their hunger, put them to sleep, or simply help them get through the day.

Whilst some plants are bred for recreational use and are used by patients for medical purposes, many are bred with patients in mind, and a number of these strains are represented here. Prozack by Medical Seeds Company is (surprise, surprise) a variety bred with mood issues and panic attacks in mind, but some are less obvious, like the SoCal Seed Collective's SoCal Original Diesel. Whilst Diesel strains aren't usually thought of as particularly medical strains, this is an indica-heavy version of the Diesel family that gives a balanced high and alleviates many varied conditions. Heavier, narcotic plants like BillBerry Farms' Gingerbread Kush are tailor-made for those suffering from chronic, debilitating pain, and the beautiful William's Wonder, re-released in seed form after all these years by SickMeds Seeds, will be a source of joy for those looking to escape from the darkness of depression, anxiety, and even insomnia.



Though I can mention only a few of my favorites here, it's evidently true that every single strain in this third volume of the *Cannabis Indica: The Essential Guide to the World's Finest Marijuana Strains* book series is unique and incredible in its own way. Whether you smoke them, eat them, extract them in oil, or even juice them, I implore you to seek out the strains featured in this book and savor them in all their glory. Not a single one will let you down.

The support of breeders, growers, smokers, and you, the readers, allows me to continue showcasing the best that the USA – and the world – has to offer in terms of cannabis genetics. These strains are both new and old and these plants are both classic and contemporary, and these breeders come from far and wide. My hope with this book, as with the other four books already

published in this series, is that by showing the very best and the brightest in the global cannabis community, we can inspire and entice the next generation of breeders and tokers to grab their soil mixes and germinate their first seeds, as it's these people who are the future of the cannabis community. This book shows how far we've come; now let's see how far we can go.

Have you finished that blunt? Yes? Then roll another and get ready to browse through some of the best cannabis strains you will ever have the fortune to see. And pass the chips, would you? I'm starving over here.

— S.T. Oner



Introduction

How Indicas Came to the West Coast

By The Rev

I am so honored (and totally jazzed) to be writing the intro for Cannabis Indica III, as I'm a huge fan of this series, and in preparation I am blazing a fat doobie of my most hardcore indica: a favorite Herijuana hybrid that's stashed away and brought out only for special occasions.

As you'll no doubt know if you've read my articles in SKUNK Magazine or have purchased my book, *True Living Organics*, I have been smoking herb for about 4 decades and I am an old school grower who cultivates top quality, all-natural cannabis. I've been growing this way for almost a decade now, since I turned my back on the synthetic hydro styles that I used to love. To my mind, a great indica strain grown in an all-natural environment will produce the best bud you'll ever smoke.

As a good ol' American boy growing in the U.S., I've always been a fan of U.S. strains, and especially California strains, bred from the original indicas from Afghanistan and Pakistan. I remember when the first Afghani Hashplants rolled into Northern California, and how alien they were to most of the old sativa growers. The Hashplants are a special kind of indica, one specifically inbred for thousands of years to yield maximum levels of resin during the shortest flowering time possible. While I love the hard hitting, narcotic hashish and honey oil made from these plants – as long as I don't have to do anything involving accurate math – I really am not a huge fan of growing them for smoking as buds. Smoking resin coated leaves gets old pretty quickly for me, due to the harsher smoking nature of leaf matter vs. flower matter. I prefer other, less hash-y indicas to smoke in a good old-

fashioned doobie or to rip through a nice, clean glass bong, and thankfully the area where I live is full of these sorts of plants.

When the first Hashplant indica came to my neck of the woods in Northern California, it really changed things. The zeitgeist of that area of Cali was electric during that time; hard to explain, really. It was one of those things where you really had to be there, but there was trust, and loyalty, and it sure seems to me like far fewer dickheads per capita, but who knows. Anyways, the shorter flowering time of the Hashplants was a huge thing, because whoever could have their buds ready first had a distinct advantage in the game we all played back then. The local fellas were just guys trying to support their families and such, kind of like that show Moonshiners in many ways, and once the Hashplant indica was crossed into the sativa gene pool, it was ON! We had huge yielding, fast finishing plants that yielded heavy and were covered in resin. Some people refer to the old Hashplant types as Afghanica now, but it is just an indica, inbred for a thousand years or more to produce a ton of resin. These plants would also get really purple during the first cold evenings of Fall, and their only weakness was to humidity, which really messed them up. We used to call the Hashplants “KGB” for “Killer Green Bud,” because most of the stuff available up until that time was “Red Bud” sativa hybrids. The first ‘real deal’ Skunks (a.k.a. Red Russian and Russia River Skunk) were crosses of some kickass South American sativa genetics and the Afghani Hashplants. These, my friends, were the legendary plants responsible for the name of the local strain, “The Skunk Train,” because these plants smell very strongly of a Skunk! Crossed to the South American sativa, this resulted in an unbelievably fast finishing outdoor plant, and these Skunks finished in early to mid-September, if I recall. Three absolutely groundbreaking strains, now as famous as they come – AK-47, White Widow and Northern Lights – all came from this initial crossing of the two varieties of cannabis from distant lands. That was a huge cash crop, the skunk. Huge!

I don’t think a lot of people understand that cannabis is all the same thing essentially, and the more indica it is, the more “domesticated” and bred for pure resin production and speed to harvest the genetics are. A Hashplant is just super selected and inbred cannabis, especially bred for making hashish. Other indica varieties are hybridized with various sativa, ruderalis, and indica genes. Cannabis indica types that are not a Hashplant type, like Champagne,

Northern Lights and AK-47, to name a few of many, are actually mostly indica, but are inbred for flower production and resin production. This makes for a far more enjoyable smoking experience than with a straight Hashplant. Big Sur Hollyweed was one of my favorite cash cropping hybrids that came out of that time in Northern Cali: part Panama Red, part Hashplant, super purple and arguably one of the most potent hybrids of the time.

We enjoy so many good, heavy indica strains on our shores that it's hard to appreciate just how special they are. I remember a number of incredibly powerful indicas that yielded giant calyx covered flowers that looked dipped in sugar, like the old time Maple Leaf Indica, Matanuska Valley Thunderfuck, Champagne, old Skunk #1 (Cheese), MK Ultra and the Romulan hybrids, along with some truly unique indica dominant hybrids that continue to blow my mind, like William's Wonder, Northern Lights #5 and Bubble and Squeak #1, to name just a few of many. Some people think I don't like indicas, but that is not true; I just don't take them on a daily basis because I like to do things that involve memory and attention to detail, and let's face it – a good indica should really wipe you out! For me, the time to properly enjoy an indica is when I have nothing important to do or at night; that's when I partake in my indica stash. I always have some indica on hand, as a good strong indica will finish quickly, meaning that just as I'm getting through the dreg ends of my stash, the new stuff is ready!

The pure Hashplant type indicas (Kush types) usually flower fast, and 7 weeks is common. The high-type normally hits you fast and hard with a lot of body to it, head rushes galore, and I have many memories of people (okay, me) hitting the floor after a big Kush bong rip. Most of the indicas I like tend to fall between 8 and 9 weeks flowering times indoors, but William's Wonder and the Chems go longer due to hybridizing. These longer strains end up with severely narcotic and potent results, and because of this they're great indica dominant choices for people undergoing cancer treatment. While most pure indicas will wear off within a couple of hours tops, these longer flowering indica dominants will have lasting effects, often exceeding several hours.

Me and a few fellas used to crop the old AK-47 hydroponics style, a huge yielding indica dominant that would kick your ass fast and hard, and this was the original "one hit wonder" if I recall my history correctly. We also ran Big Sur Hollyweed, Maple Leaf Indica, Northern Lights #5 and Northern Lights #2; all absolute killers! I hung out around Fort Bragg in Northern California

for a few seasons, teaching them hydroponics while they taught me outdoors skills and shared amazing breeding knowledge and genetics with me. I brought a bunch of the genetics back down to Southern California with me, where most of them could really go crazy outdoors with the longer and warmer season. Good times, man; good times indeed.

Many of you likely don't know this, but I am a master hydro dork – system design, construction, and operation on a large scale – ex for almost a decade now, thank you. Anyways, the new indica lines really made indoors possible. However, this was what I like to call the “Jurassic Period” in the late 70s and early 80s (an ‘awesome’ time for fashion!). At that time there were no grow lights for indoors, really, besides shop lights that were used to keep mother and father clones. So, us indoor guys eventually adapted and used HPS streetlamps! We grew in stealth sheds with some translucent patio roofing with a hydro system inside that used natural light enhanced with shop lights when needed. We used Peter's 20-20-20 full term mixed at various ratios to water ... It was a dream in the land of green and everything worked out fantastic! Indicas really allowed the first indoors to really work well. The shorter size made the plants much more compact and uber tough and hearty – the only problem those plants had was along the coast, because their buds were a huge mass of tightly interwoven sugar coated leaves. Mold, or bud rot, took them down pretty regular along the coast, but inland they were unstoppable. They were resistant to anything but high humidity. The early indicas were thick skinned so even parasites would prefer the sativa strains, which is a fantastic indica trait, by the way!



Sometimes, though, you have to go beyond U.S. shores to get the type of weed that will just blow your mind. I'm lucky enough to have some old friends in "high" places around the world, and about four years ago my friend in South East Asia helped me get my hands on some of this old world cultivar from the Bhutan region, at the base of the Himalayas from a small town/village called Gasilia, if I recall. It was a massive producer of the dankest and most outrageously stinky (huge) buds that smelled like fuel and hashish; we lovingly called this one "Butane Gas" and she was a true diamond of a gem. Unfortunately, the police got that strain from me. Those damn cops sure got a lot of great genetics over the years! Most growers' memories unfortunately involve the police somewhere along the way, but recently the states of Washington and Colorado legalized cannabis smoking, and even here in my current home state of Oregon, I am a legal grower and consumer of cannabis due to state medical laws that allow me to do so. Perhaps the cops won't be getting any more killer genetics from me from now on!



My seed company, Kingdom Organic Seeds (KOS), recently made available some of SOG's Bubble and Squeak #1 in the f2 generation. She is a real Skunky killer indica and you can see her in this book! I also loved seeing the landrace stuff in here too, like the Kandahar; many of these genetics bring back some good old memories. There are so many great genetics to try, and to each their own! If you are thinking about growing for the first time I recommend an indica or indica dominant, especially if you are a medical grower/user of cannabis; sativas are another story, for another book, and generally speaking sativas are much harder to deal with indoors than indicas.

Indicas and indica dominant hybrids are both really good indoor choices as they're easy to grow compared to sativas and sativa dominant hybrids. If you are going to grow using synthetic fertilizers, container style especially, you should be aware that the more pure the indica, the higher she will normally like her pH levels. Keeping her above a 6.4 pH is often crucial. You can also drown an indica plant's roots fairly easily in soil mixes if you over-water, but other than those two points of concern, indicas are a great choice for the newer growers and all of the ones in this book look pretty damn deadly to me.

Sometimes people ask me what my all-time favorite hardcore indica is, and it is virtually impossible to pick just one. I love the Skunk #1 (Cheese) massively, but it is also super "stupid weed" for me to use, and after just a little toke I could end up leaving my car keys in the freezer and never finding them again! Skunk #1 is tons of fun to smoke, super tasty and a great ride, but not upwardly functional in my experience. The Hashplants from North Africa, such as Moroccans, are unique and have some sativa blended into them I would say. These are very indica dominant with flowers covered in resin rather than leaves covered in resin, super tasty like Red Hashish with a knockout punch that won't make me sleepy, but very visual and body melting, with a heavy duty inner dialog as I recall. Matanuska Valley Thunderfuck, Champagne, William's Wonder and Maple Leaf Indica are all way up there on my list of favorite indicas too, so try a lot out and see what you like best, because that's what really matters. I'm a big believer these days that everyone that wants to should grow their own cannabis, and bazillions of smaller gardens are the way, rather than mass production operations being your only option. Growing your own cannabis is a spiritual experience, and enjoying every part of the process will make your first toke on your homegrown that bit more special. The world needs more cannabis growers, so jump on board and start growing plants like the ones in this book, and if you don't know anything about growing grab *The Cannabis Grow Bible*, by Greg Green. That dude really knows his stuff. Once you learn the basics, get yourself a copy of my book for the connoisseur indoor grower already familiar with how to grow cannabis indoors – all naturally, of course. Oh, and of course get legal first, or move to a legal state. I am not advising you to break any laws. You can't toke up in prison.

Last but not least, I would like to share a little old stoner wisdom with

you if I may. If you are seeking cannabis as alternative medicine I think you should keep very clearly in mind how the very same drugs, of any kind practically, can have very different effects from one person to the next. Some people are affected differently than others; sativas can speed one person up, and send the other “running for the hills” with paranoia, or even put them to sleep. I may smoke an indica and get couch-locked with heavy munchies and go to sleep, while my partner may smoke the same weed and go set up an array of grow tents or something; he’s functional and even energized. Alternative medicines like cannabis can affect people differently just as prescription meds can. For instance, if I eat a Vicodin I’ll normally pass out easy and I get very sleepy, but if my girl eats a Vicodin she’ll clean the house or something, like she’s wired. So I just want to stress to you all to find what you like and what works for you. We are all different, and it’s a beautiful thing; to each their own.

Look at that, I still have almost half of that big fat indica doobie left, time to fix that; smoke ‘em if you got ‘em homeskillets, happy trails to you all, enjoy this great strain guide! Remember, when the work is done, indica is the one.

— The Rev

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303 Kush

The wonderful Green Dream Health Services, based in Colorado, bring us this fantastic cross of Pre-98 Bubba Kush and Reservoir ChemDawg, bred by Zombo. As Green Dream only provides patients with the best buds grown by their Master Horticulturalist, anyone lucky enough to get hold of 303 Kush can be sure that they're getting a serious quality product!

This plant will grow much like Bubba Kush and exhibit purple and gray matter on its buds, as well as large calyxes and a reasonably short flowering time. These nugs will need a good trim when they're ripe, but the smell emanating from them means that you'll be more than happy to spend time with your nose in the stash!

Expect an incredibly fun high to go along with the aromas of good bourbon, chocolate and star anise. This is a creative and social high that moves into a body buzz with some nice pressure relief in the head. The effects of 303 Kush will linger, but won't render you less useful than a chocolate teapot. A great medical strain for a whole host of issues, and one that the regular toker and joker can enjoy as well!

Green Dream Health Services, bred by Zombo, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Pre-98 Bubba Kush x Reservoir ChemDawg (in-cross 3)

Potency: THC 19.26%

greendreamhealth.com

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8 Daze (AKA 8th Deadly Zin)

The first time I smoked up this Grape Krush and Purple Thai cross, it was known as the 8th Deadly Zin. I thought it was called the 8th Deadly Zim, and being a huge Invader Zim fan, I was just about bursting with joy. I now realize that SnowHigh himself is probably too busy creating fantastic hybrids from killer genetics and might not have a chance to watch too many whack cartoons. One day we'll get to smoke this incendiary indica-dominant cross together and I'll introduce him to the wonderful world of Zim.

Pollinating an F2 Grape Krush with a male Purple Thai has given the world a wonderfully indica-structured plant with a sativa-style high: the best of both worlds, you might say. This makes 8 Daze a fantastic choice for any indoor growers who haven't previously had the joy of a home-grown sativa, as you'll get the heady effects without any of the headache of growing such a large, leggy plant. Sativa growing can be a whole different ball game to indica growing, and this strain takes most of the pain away! With dense flowers and hard colas, this is the kind of plant you want to show off to your friends, and it's an easy one to keep happy, too. As ever, an organic soil grow is going to be the best in terms of taste and health, but if you choose to grow hydro, this plant should react well to that too. Given the gorgeous structure and dense flowers of 8 Daze, I recommend applying the KISS method to growing this plant: Keep It Simple, Stupid. Good soil, regular watering, daily checks for mold and some reliable ventilation, especially in the flowering stages, will get you a fantastic quality of bud, and a harvest that's nothing to sniff at!

SnowHigh Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Grape Krush (F2) x Purple Thai

Potency: THC 19.35%

breedbay.co.uk

cannazon.net
pogenetics.com
seeddepot.nl
cannabis-seeds-bank.co.uk

Be prepared for the high of 8th Deadly Zin as it will sneak up on you like a particularly sneaky paparazzo and flash you right in the face. Right after toking, you might re-read this section and think that I've lost my mind. "Heady?" you'll say. "Seriously? This is a really nice body stone, but there's hardly any....oh." There it is: the bubbling feeling, bringing the high right into your brain and setting it loose. The trippiness won't subside, and mild hallucinations are pretty frequent if you've got a good imagination. If you're feeling uppy and are angling for a fun night, this is exactly what you need. Add in a few episodes of Invader Zim and your trip-ometer will go through the roof!



Afghan Cross

I'm sure that Spain's Evil Seeds are anything but what their name suggests of them; if they were, they'd be keeping this strain from the wider world and hoarding it in their own smoke-filled living rooms while enjoying its relaxing stone and cackling like jackals. Instead, they're releasing it out into the community for all to experience, which is a pretty nice gesture if you ask me, and not exactly one befitting the incarnation of all things diabolical. Evil Seeds, I think, are actually pretty nice guys.

Also nice is this blend of Maple Leaf Indica and Mazar-i-Sharif genetics. Maple Leaf Indica is one of my favorites, and crossing it with another pure indica strain, the wonderful Mazar-i-Sharif, is nothing short of a stroke of genius. As you'd expect from such a genetically pure plant, Afghan Cross crops are incredibly short and homogenous and are picture perfect for indoor growers. This strain will stay short and squat, just like they do in the mountains of Afghanistan, and their resistance to problems such as mold and bud rot is just phenomenal. If you're growing indoors, be sure to touch each plant every day in the flowering period just to ensure that mold will not take hold; outdoor growers will find that this is rarely an issue for them. When planting, you should leave sufficient room for outward branching and almost fluffy-looking plants that are nearly as wide as they are tall. Be sure to leave a little extra space for yourself to get around each plant and really interact with it; it's a rookie error to place indicas too close together and not be able to wade through the crop by the end of flowering! Outdoor growers will find that Afghan Cross will be ready for the cut around the end of September, whilst 60 days of flowering is necessary with growing indoors. Your yield will be sizable, with the nugs like solid gold.

Evil Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Maple Leaf Indica x Mazar-I-Sharif

Potency: THC 20%
evilseeds.es

The smoke of Afghan Cross is a delicious blend of orange, lemons, sugar and a hint of bitterness. It's not all about the flavor with this strain though; it's all about the high. There is a damn good reason that people venture out to the wild landscapes of Afghanistan or Pakistan, facing blistering heat and incredible conditions, to search out 100% indicas and landrace strains with a fantastic genetic history, and it's because of this type of obliterating stone. While this kind of effect will almost always be a touch too much for a curious newbie, veteran tokers will crawl over broken glass to experience this type of high: a delightful taste, a thick, cloudy smoke and a perfectly narcotic body stone with enough longevity to lay you out for days. Whether this is your first indica or your millionth, it's a pure indica feeling you'll never forget.



Afghani Landrasse

Alpine Seeds have an incredibly strong following throughout their native Spain and far beyond, and it's a following that's more than deserved. Their work with strains catering to specific growers' needs means that they are well loved by almost every type of grower, and this Afghani Landrasse strain means that the more prolific outdoor growers will soon be plastering the walls of their grow rooms with specially laminated reflective posters of the Alpine Seeds development team. With the genetics of a pure Afghani landrace indica, the Alpine Seeds team have bred a real corker of a plant, meant for outdoor grow ops just like Romeo was meant for Juliet.

This undoubtedly special plant was bred with all the care and dedication that such elusive genetics require. Selected over several generations under both artificial and natural conditions, these seeds were produced using several different females giving quite a variation in phenotypes. However, there are some fantastic consistencies between the phenos, flowering time and mold resistance being two of the most impressive. For outdoor growers and indoor growers alike, this plant's hardiness will be strongly appreciated; no one likes to lose their bud to that nasty little fungus. Hobby breeders especially will find that this is a great choice for a first landrace line; though its temperament still tends to the wild side, this plant is forgiving and has great potential. Your Afghani Landrasse crop will grow to be large bushes, especially outdoors. Expect to see large, delicate leaves with harshly serrated blades, as well as sturdy branches, stems and lots of resin on the buds. Indoor growers should expect a smaller plant, and should also allow for a growth period of 3 to 4 weeks at a minimum. This plant loves the German climate so much that it was ripe before the strawberries were, so for best results, move to Europe. If not, just try to maintain a European climate within your grow room, and I don't mean ordering in ham baguettes and the good coffee.

Alpine Seeds, Spain

Landrace Afghani Indica

Genetics: Pure Afghani

Potency: 13-15%

alpine-seeds.ch

Don't be alarmed if the trichomes on this plant look smaller than usual; this is common in some phenotypes, and though they may not be so big, there are many more of them! Your finished buds will be super solid and so beautiful that you could probably frame them and have them in the Louvre behind their own panel of glass with excessive security. On the other hand, you could smoke them up in a clean glass bong and enjoy the spicy, warm taste before being enveloped in a giant bear hug of a body high that makes you dribble out of both sides of your mouth. Do that one.



Apothecary Pre-98 Bubba Kush

Apothecary Genetics, hailing from the USA, is a project of passion born in Washington in the mid-90s. The creator of this particular strain is Josh the Rockstar, who might not win any awards for Most Humble Nickname any time soon but might start collecting awards like they're going out of fashion. Oops, my mistake: he already has! You can't get more American than working out of the U.S. with a classic Kush strain (presumably while eating a burger and fries and drinking a Coke), so, being an F1 Kush plant, this is the kind of strain that you have to smoke while watching *Miracle on Ice* (look it up) and reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Or something.

As an indica strain, this is an easy one to grow, but to get the very best out of your Bubba Kush plants you'll have to pay a little more attention to them than tossing the seeds into soil and letting your dog pee all over them. It's not a tall plant, so it can be grown in most types of system and either indoors or outdoors, but a recommended method includes a soil medium and a natural approach to nutrient needs. When a strain has a distinct flavor, chemically chelated nutes can often ruin the flavor, and this strain's coffee taste is too good to be ruined. Outdoor growers can expect to harvest around the end of October, which translates to an 8-week flowering period for indoor cultivators. At the end of this time, you can expect to bring in a harvest of around 700 to 800 grams of prime bud per square yard of grow space. An experienced outdoor grower might be able to bring in a little more, but either way, this is a great amount of quality pot to be getting from such a simple plant.

Apothecary Genetics, USA, created by Josh the Rockstar

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: F1 Kush

Potency: THC 18-19%

apothecarygenetics.com

I've heard it said that for patients suffering with nerve pain, Bubba Kush is one of the best strains there is. Bubba Kush is a strong strain generally, with high THC levels, but the CBDs available here are of great use to medicinal users. The long-lasting effects of Bubba Kush also make it a favorite amongst patients, as just one big vapor bag can both obliterate their pain and keep them going for hours, just as if they'd been given a brand new body. This, of course, also goes for us nonmedicinal users who just like to disassociate ourselves from our bodies on a Friday night while talking about The X Files. Such a combination makes you feel giddy before the stone even sets in.



Aspen OG

303 Seeds are a relatively young American company inspired by the likes of DJ Short, Soma and the infamous Breeder Steve. A definite favorite of mine amongst the new wave of seed companies, these guys pride themselves on only growing and breeding from seeds, of which they know and respect the source, and they concern themselves with the genetic makeup of every single plant over and above everything else. In short, 303 Seeds are serious professionals, and their level of commitment to their craft means they'll be commanding some real attention in the next few years.

Aspen OG, as you might expect, originated in the mountains of Colorado – much like an over-territorial snowboarder with a penchant for neon snow pants. This sativa-leaning girl though, the daughter of a San Fernando Valley OG Kush mother and a Sour Cream father, is at the height of fashion, with strains of Sour Diesel, G-13 and Haze running through her leaves. With genetics like this, Aspen OG isn't a plant that should be thrown into the uninitiated hands of a rookie grower; some experience with growing hybrid strains will be necessary to really get the best out of this beautiful plant. Aspen OG grows much like 303's San Fernando Valley Kush, but with more resin, bigger buds and a heightened OG smell. In layman's terms, if you love OG Kush, you're going to lose your shit over this plant.

After 3 to 4 days of germination time, your Aspen OG seeds should be ready to go into their medium and start their journey towards being a killer toke. These plants can maintain themselves well in any style of growing, but if you're a sucker for the taste and smells of an OG plant, my advice is to go organic. This plant grows in that special OG way and stretches in both the vegetative stage and the flowering stage, so be sure to leave space for your ladies to grow, even during the final stage of their life. Towards day 60 of flowering you'll be able to see the rock-hard nugs with purplish hints, regardless of the temperature, and the smell will be almost too delicious to resist. Stay strong, young Jedi, for after a curing period, these babies will be even better.

303 Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: San Fernando

Valley OG Kush x (Original Sour Diesel x G-13/Haze)

Potency: THC 19%

303seeds.com

The combination of genetics present in this unique plant means that the high is a more heady sativa-type than the already energetic San Fernando Valley Kush; just a little is enough to fill anyone's brain with stars. Medical patients will love the way this high helps their joint pain, muscle spasms, anxiety and sleep disorders; the rest of us will just love the cerebral trip to the moon.



Auto GZ

The first time I ever heard of this strain was in the middle of a huge session with my buddy Mike. This shit knocked me for six in a serious way, and when he told me the name of the strain I thought he said it was Auto GZA. It was only when I was chatting to a Spanish native about the fantastic North of Seeds and mentioned Auto GZA was one of my favorite strains (and that the breeders and myself must share a love of the Wu) that she burst out laughing and righted my wrong. This strain is not, then, named after a long-lost member of the Wu Tang Clan or the little brother of RZA, but that doesn't make it any less special. It just makes me more of an idiot.

As you might have guessed, this strain is an auto-flowering variety and so is fantastic for both indoor growing and new cannabis cultivators who don't really know what they're doing yet. It won't ever get too tall, but it can reach about 2.5 to 3 feet, which is up there around your waist area. These leaves can be sharp, so when you're going through your grow room be careful to Protect Yo' Neck (and wrists) as you walk. You can grow this strain in almost any system, but for enhanced vigor hydro systems using rockwool or coco coir might be a good choice. If you're using soil, you should use 18 liters of soil at most, otherwise there'll be Tearz. Make sure you check over all of your crop regularly, and don't only worry about the Clan in Da Front. Moisture has a particularly negative effect on Auto GZ buds, so be careful not to let it get too humid in your grow room (and certainly don't use any Heaterz) otherwise your harvest will end up being Dog Shit. Apart from that, though, it's pretty much Impossible to damage this plant. Its reaction to moisture is, really, its only Weak Spot. Outdoor plants can give up to 50 grams per plant, with an indoor grow bringing in slightly less, but the bud is of such stellar quality that an indoor grow definitely will not be a disappointment. I know what you're thinking: auto-flowering, medium height, quick flowering and resilient? Can It Be All So Simple? Well, yes. Yes it can.

North of Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Potency: THC 8-12%

northofseeds.com

This is a pretty strong strain, but you'll need to have more than a couple of bong hits if you want to get As High As Wu-Tang Get. Smoke too much, and it'll make your crew feel like Little Ghetto Boys. It'll get you "into the seventh dimension" and you'll be "master of the wordplay." This is one of the best strains to spark up on a Wu Wednesday just before you settle in to watch that 'Tang documentary where everyone's just yelling at each other in the kitchen for what seems like hours. This strain will get you into the 36th Chamber and beyond.



Auto Uzbeka

If you haven't yet heard of Autofem Seeds, you've either been living under a rock, hiding in a cave or chilling out on the dark side of the Moon. This Spanish company has made its name with a vast range of auto-flowering strains, each one engineered to fill a specific gap in a burgeoning market. Their strains have cut them a solid reputation, especially amongst new growers and those embracing auto-flowering strains, and their reputation is growing as fast as their incredible plants do. This Auto Uzbeka brings together the auto-flowering genetics of Lowryder with an Uzbekistani indica whose yields bring all the boys to the yard.

If that yard happens to be situated in a part of the U.S. with adverse weather conditions, then all the better. Uzbekistani indicas are particularly well-known for faring well in shitty conditions, so this plant will be perfect for you. If you live in one of those constantly sunny, constantly warm areas of the States, though, don't fear – Auto Uzbeka will grow just as well for you, but it will just be a little bored. Maybe invest in a Sudoku book to keep it feeling challenged. Newbie growers will appreciate the resilience of Auto Uzbeka, as it will quite easily withstand all those rookie errors that you're just bound to make. If you overwater, just step back for a while and watch the plant make itself well again. If you fuck up the nutrient schedule, just ease off and let the soil right itself once more. If you chop too early – well, there's nothing we can do about that, and even a plant as good as this can't magically put itself back together! Outdoors, these babies can yield around 70 grams each – and that's 70 grams of high quality, prime bud right there. Indoors, plants will yield a little less but the harvest will be so glorious that you won't even mind. Indoors, the breeders recommend 12 liters of soil with 600 watts at 20 hours continuous light for best results, and don't forget that good ventilation and odor control will be necessary throughout the growing period.

Autofem Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Lowryder x Uzbekistani Landrace

Potency: THC 21%

Tasting like a York Peppermint Patty that's been seasoned with black pepper, this is a unique strain to say the very least – and, like a meal at the Fat Duck, it's actually a lot more delicious than that somewhat bizarre description implies. As you'd expect from an indica-dominant strain with this kind of genetic history, Auto Uzbeka's stone is heavy and the effects long lasting, so a little goes a very long way! If you've been smoking since before the days of the internet, then fill your boots with this strain and have a great time, but if you're a newbie, take it easy and remember: you can always smoke more.



BC God Bud

Billed as the “plant that put Canada on the map,” BC God Bud from the aptly-named BC Bud Depot comprises the genetic lines of God, Hawaii and Purple Skunk, making it an indica-dominant classic with a twist in its tale! A popular strain for commercial growing, this plant has the kind of high that can get you closer to God.

As a 75% indica plant, this one is going to grow very much in an indica way: short, bushy and with a beautifully short flowering period that will leave you wondering what to do after a short 6 or 7 weeks. Indoors and outdoors this strain won't fail to impress, with very dense and heavy buds being ripe and ready after 60 days of flowering. As ever, with dense colas, it's important to keep a keen eye on those buds to ensure that they don't get ravaged by mold or bud rot. Commercial growers will love this plant for its extremely heavy yields as well as its mad awesome bag appeal and mouthwatering aroma. It will just fly off the ‘shelves.’

Your BC God Bud nuggets will definitely need to be double bagged if you don't want everyone on the street to know that you're holding. The flavor will be intense and delicious, but it is nothing compared to the high: a one-hitter that will have your head beyond the clouds and chatting with the big man before you know it.

BC Bud Depot, Canada

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: God x Hawaii x Purple Skunk

Potency: THC 23.6%

bcbuddepot.com





Betty Boo

Sometimes, you know you're going to get quality product just by knowing the name of the producer. Such is the case with the Joint Doctor. This guy not only pioneered auto-flowering strains with the invention of Lowryder; he's also the king of indoor growing and continues to crank out impressive strains like it's going out of fashion.

Betty Boo is an absolute wonder; the tiniest midget of the cannabis world at an incredible 6 to 12 inches in height, but a huge producer in terms of grams per square foot, giving an average of 20 grams per plant. There could never be a more perfect plant for closet grows or dorm room harvests than this. She's also one of the fastest strains available, finishing in exactly 8 weeks from seed with 28 days of flowering. Yeah, you heard that right: 8 short weeks!

Betty tastes as sweet as she sounds, and before long you'll fall head over heels in love with her heavy body stone and lingering effect. The fact that she's easy to get to know and even easier to dedicate yourself entirely to means that she's had many a grower in her thrall. In fact, if you don't fall for her bonsai good looks when flowering rolls around, then you're a stronger person than I am.

High Bred Seeds by The Joint Doctor, Canada

Auto-Flowering Indica-Dominant

Genetics: (Mazar x Lowryder) x Lowryder #2

Potency: THC 16%

jointdoctordirect.com



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Black Widow

Spain's Positronics are known all over the world for the quality of their strains and the beautiful diversity of their breeding stock as well. For this harrowingly named strain, they've taken a White Widow and a Misty plant and introduced them to each other in a dark nightclub once they've both had a few drinks. At least, I'm pretty sure that's what they did; it always works with humans, right?

Regardless of how it came about, this wonderful cross turned out to be one of those plants that you end up growing for all of your life after you've grown it once. Outdoors this plant will grow to 7 feet in height, whilst indoors it will stay at 4 or below. Being an almost pure indica, Black Widow will be very compact, hardy and highly branched. The stems will be so thick they'll be like babies' arms – or perhaps something else fat but slightly less creepy. These crops won't be able to tolerate much fertilizer, and for medical use Positronics suggest that an organic soil grow would be best. This will keep the product as healthy as it can possibly be, with no leftover chemical remnants to negatively affect the patients. It will also help to maintain the clear, crisp taste of Black Widow rather than smothering it in a chemically aftertaste. Although I would love to believe that this plant was so-named because any males left in the grow room will be horrifically devoured by the pack of females around him, I have to concede that the name has a lot more to do with the black, web-like canopy that the flowering plants make. With such incredibly dark leaves and great branching the breeders had no other choice than to name this strain Black Widow! A Black Widow grow room in full bloom is as beautiful as it is scary, and you'll feel like one wrong step will leave you entangled in black leaves and unable to get out. Flowering will be complete after 55 to 60 days, when you'll be able to chop down 400 grams of bud per square yard indoors and 300 grams per plant in an outdoor grow. That whole 'web fear' will be completely justified.

Positronics Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow x Misty

Potency: THC 19%

positronics.eu

Although you might be expecting a harsh, perhaps licorice-like taste with this strain, the final smoke will actually taste more like flowers with a hint of mint, which is a huge surprise given the creepy look of the plants whilst growing. With a high CBD content, this strain has relaxing and mind sedative properties, making it great for pain relief, managing spasms and other medical conditions. If you're not a medical user, enjoy this strain at night and laugh yourself to sleep.



Blueberry Skunk

I've professed my love (strictly platonic, of course) for Holland's the Flying Dutchmen many a time, but that's not going to stop me doing it again. If I had to go on a date with a seed company, the Flying Dutchmen would be at the top of the list. Again and again, they take classic strains, mix them with some other classic strains, rub on some of that Flying Dutchmen magic and then send these new babies out into the world to run around being awesome and growing strong and generally making the planet a better place to be. Blueberry Skunk is one of these babies, and I'm sure you can make an educated guess about its parent strains without me spelling it out for you.

As a 75% indica strain, this one offers both a devastating high and a delightful growing experience. It tops out at about 5 feet in height but can be kept even shorter if that's absolutely necessary. It does, however, tend to be a little more leggy than pure indica varieties and so will spread out a little from that famous bushy structure. Its favorite sort of environment is that of the Californian outdoors; warm with lots of light and plenty of time to flourish. However, an indoor set up that mimics this environment can be just as good for the plant, and might even offer better control over the maturation period. During flowering, this plant will double its height before hefting up like a previously pigeon-chested teenager on steroids and an all-meat diet. As the fat, fudgy buds emerge and plump up, you'll notice that they produce a mean sparkle; these flowers have more crystals than the Sultan of Brunei's favorite Lamborghini dashboard. This level of resin production can be attributed to the Blueberry parent, while the vigorous growth of the Skunk #1 can be seen throughout the grow. Such fast bud production does mean that you'll need to be vigilant with ventilation and hands-on checking of your flowers to make sure mold doesn't set in. Remember: humidity and fast bud maturation are mold's best friends! Visit the grow and be in with your plants every day during the 60-day flowering period and you'll ensure that every single one of those gorgeous buds survives, to give a yield of 100 grams or more.

Flying Dutchmen, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Blueberry x Skunk #1

flyingdutchmen.com

The taste of the Blueberry parent is mixed with a little of that Skunk spice in this strain's smoke, but neither is too overpowering. The stone is a strong body effect, with a little energy dancing around the mind as well. A perfect mix of two amazing plants that will leave you as much in love with the Flying Dutchmen as I am; maybe more. If that's the case...hands off! They're mine!



Bom Bom

Spain's Ganjah Seeds are part of the new wave of Spanish seed companies giving the American cannabis scene a real run for their money with their unique genetics and fantastic hybrids, as well as a breeding talent pool that is almost brimming with fantastic skills. If the North American scene was ever accused of being stagnant, the fantastic amount of competition coming from over the pond has seen to that now, and worldwide, companies have had to step up their game just to compete. It's a great thing for us all – especially those of us who love fantastic weed! This strain is a mix of Big Bud, Critical Mass and Skunk genetics, which can only mean one thing: fat, stinky, dense buds with a hell of a kick and plants that are almost bending over backwards under the weight of their production. Thank you, Ganjah Seeds!

Bom Bom is a true hybrid, and as such, doesn't commit itself fully to the growing styles of either an indica or a sativa. Outdoors, it exhibits a more sativa-like growing style, getting to between an incredible 10 and 16 feet in height. Indoors, however, it will flower into a much more modest plant, and its growth can be controlled to even smaller if you are short on space. Contrary to what seems to be obvious, the indica genetics slightly outweigh the sativa genetics in Bom Bom, meaning that your plants will enjoy short internodal spacing and therefore a very high production rate when it rolls into the flowering period. Outdoor growers will want to harvest around the beginning of October, whilst indoors, the flowering period will be about 50 days long, which is very short for such a high producer with such strong sativa influence. This plant in particular does well in humid climates, and will reward the grower in this sort of environment with more dense, resinous buds than you will know what to do with – you'll be giving baggies away to the neighbors and the postman, and you'll become quite, quite popular in the meantime!

Ganjah Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Big Bud x Critical Mass x Skunk

Potency: THC 16%

ganjahseeds.net

Towards the end of the plant's cycle the smells of ripened fruit will build to become quite intense, and this is a trait that can carry over into the dried bud when it's given a nice long curing period. Keep ventilation at the front of your mind and invest in some good-quality carbon filters for the flowering period. As you'd expect from a hybrid that has a reasonably balanced genetic profile, the high from Bom Bom buds is a little heady and a little stoney, and in my experience can go more to whichever side you're feeling more inclined to, making it great pot for those days when you don't want to end up twitching in a corner.



PHOTOS BY THE REV

Bubble and Squeak

If you know anything about organic growing, you'll already know about the Rev. He's SKUNK Magazine's cultivation editor, an organic grow book writer, and one of the breeders of the wonderful Kingdom Organic Seeds, where everything is –yes, you've guessed it – organic. As if owning a worm farm just to feed his plants wasn't strange enough, when he's not hand-tending to his plants or writing articles about what natural fertilizers are best for sativas, he's growing strains like SOG Seeds' Bubble and Squeak #1, SOG's Buddha Cheese and SOG Seeds' own Double Bubble male, and then getting mad high off the results!

Now while the Bubble and Squeak #1 is an original hybrid by SOG Seeds, Rev loved her yields and structure so much he used one of the males in several of his own crosses. SOG moved on to his Bubble and Squeak #2 using a different Cheese female of his, and the #1s were nowhere to be found. So he inbred these to F2 status at KOS as homage to SOG and the heartiness/quality of this cross. He then gave most away and sold some to recoup production costs at low prices. You can still find plenty of the F2s by KOS bouncing around out there. You will get a lovely spread from these F2s and some will be fruity, others Skunky and even Cat Piss, along with some candy hash phenos that are to die for. Most will have little stretch to them and huge yields; she is easy to grow and rewarding for newbies as well as experienced growers alike. She is very good at dealing with parasitic invaders like Spider Mites and Powdery Mildew, and if she is happy she is almost unstoppable, producing Coke can size buds even under smaller lighting systems like 400-watt lighting sources. You may want to invest in a carbon filtering unit for your outgoing air if smells are a concern, as most of these will be uber dank and stinky-stinky while flowering. Most of the phenotypes will finish in 65 days or less – a joy to grow and smoke!

SOG Seeds, grown by The Rev, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: SOG's Big Buddha Cheese x Double Bubble

Potency: THC 17-19%

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If you can ever get over the gorgeous bag appeal of these buds and actually smoke them up, you'll be treated to some of the funkiest, nose-tingling nugs you've ever had near your face. Some smell like your cat got into your grow room and pissed all over your plant. The smoke can be an acquired taste, but either way the high is worth it, especially if you like being lobotomized onto your couch for the evening.



Bubblegum Kush

Every toker in Europe knows the history of Bulldog Seeds, and every toker in Europe has probably visited the Bulldog coffee shop on more than one occasion. As veterans in the scene, they've certainly put in enough time and effort to be worthy of our respect even if they weren't still putting out great strains – for the exact same reason that some people still go to Paul McCartney concerts. However, the Bulldog crew doesn't rest on their laurels, instead choosing to press on with originality and style – more like Prince. Let's consider Bubblegum Kush, then, to be Bulldog's Emancipation: a later effort, but one of their finest!

It's not hard to work out what strains are encompassed in this plant, so any fans of Bubblegum or Kush strains (so, the whole of North America then) will already have their Spidey senses tingling. Tingle away, my friends, because this is one plant worth tingling over. As a quite heavy indica, with only about 20% sativa influence, this will be a short one (again, like Prince) but will be much fatter and bushier than its musical friend. This also means that, if you're growing indoors, you'll have to ensure that there's sufficient ventilation to keep bud rot at bay, as these flowers are going to fatten up like there's no tomorrow and be more dense than the hot core of the sun. Growing outdoors will mean that this is less of an issue for you, but only if you're growing in a place where first frost isn't likely to hit early on. The flowering time for this strain sits at a perfect 8 weeks, so this should be easy to avoid, but bear it in mind when you're deciding when's best to plant outdoors. You should also consider the fact that Bubblegum Kush is a heavily yielder, so that branches might need a little support towards harvest time. A good harvest will rake in up to 700 grams per square yard of grow room, so get your good buddies over and settle in for a long manicuring session!

The Bulldog Seeds, Holland
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Bubblegum x Kush

Potency: THC 18.15%

bulldogseeds.nl

As with all Bubblegum strains, the flavor of this will whisk you right back to childhood, and all that gum you had to stick under the school desk to avoid being caught by your overly rule-obsessed teacher. However, the heavy stone of the Kush family will bring you back to reality, and the mild sativa influence will keep your head with enough energy to stop it lolling to the side while you're stuck on your couch watching reality TV. Just put a Prince DVD on and settle in for the duration. And don't mention his height.



CBD Sweet and Sour Widow

I like it when some of the best seedbanks come together to start a new project. Not only does it ensure that whatever they bring out is going to be fantastic (unlike rock music supergroups that, to be fair, usually suck), it also gives me the warm fuzzies to know that an ego-driven game like weed breeding can still give rise to such buddy-ups as the CBD Crew. Bringing together the skills of the Mr. Nice Seedbank guys and the Resin Seeds tribe, this band of brothers were created in the summer of 2009 when Shantibaba and Jaime decided to dedicate themselves to making CBD-heavy strains with a goal ratio of 1:1 CBD to THC. The CBD and THC percentages can vary according to how the plant is grown, and the percentages can be up to 12% THC and 13% CBD. As recent science has suggested that CBD is both an antioxidant and anti-in-flammatory, the market for strains that concentrate on it is on the rise and these guys are way ahead of the pack.

CBD Crew, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow

Potency: THC 5% / CBD 5%

cbdcrew.org

This strain is a 70/30 indica/sativa White Widow with a huge yield and a fairly short flowering time. Everyone knows White Widow, but its intense and varied genetic history means that one Widow can be very different from the next. This grows more like a sativa than most crosses might, but the effect sits somewhere between a stone and a high. This strain is a particularly vigorous grower, and it will take off like a kid on caffeine, both indoors and out. It can flourish well in either environment, although I would be tempted to opt for an outdoor grow just to really let this baby fly. Indoor growers won't have to be too worried about losing their precious bounty to bud rot,

however, as these flowers form with a more airy structure in the beginning of the maturation stage before filling in and becoming dense like the fist of Thor. After 8 weeks of flowering you can expect to harvest around 400 grams per square yard of grow space, both indoor and out; although outdoor might just be that much more fun.

There's a very distinct odor to this plant, and it's slightly oniony. It's dank in the most serious sense of the word, but it's the effects that are more impressive for medical patients. The high CBD count of this strain means that it's an effective pain reliever and offers tension relief without the dizzying euphoria or the confusing high. Enjoyable and effective without the crazy shit.



California Hash Plant

Spain's Dinafem Seeds continue to go from strength to strength with every new variety that they bring out. It seems to be impossible for these guys to release a substandard strain, and it's this reliability that's made them one of the hottest seed companies on this side of the Black Sea. Their version of California Hash Plant is a pure indica strain born of a classic California Hash Plant and a Northern Lights pairing; a mixture to pay attention to, indeed.

With a particularly strong resistance to mold, California Hash Plant is a great plant for a first-time outdoor grow as your biggest worry is more or less taken completely away. This plant can grow wider than it is tall, although it can also be teased to 6.5 feet or higher with a bit of effort. Producing between 700 and 1000 grams, it is a definite winner for commercial growers and heavy tokers alike.

To not make hash from this strain is a crime, but even if you're not down with the hard stuff, you'll find that you fall slowly in love with California Hash Plant. Medical users, in particular those looking for something to help with nervous disorders or insomnia, will find that this is the perfect plant for them. Stoner veterans with a love for indicas will also enjoy its effects!

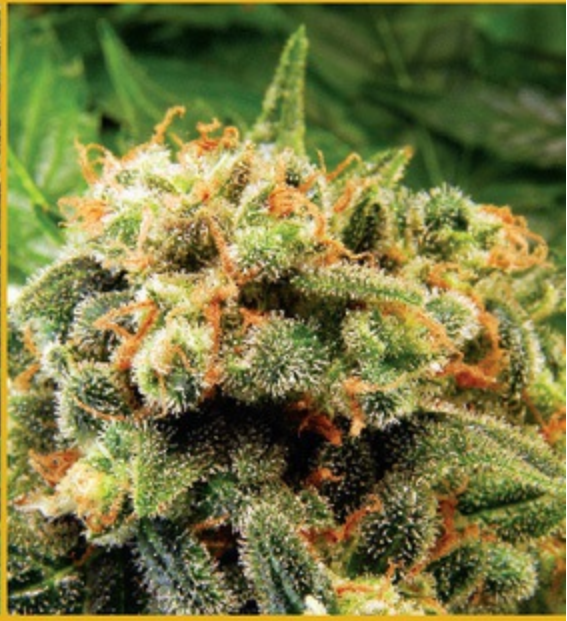
Dinafem Seeds, Spain

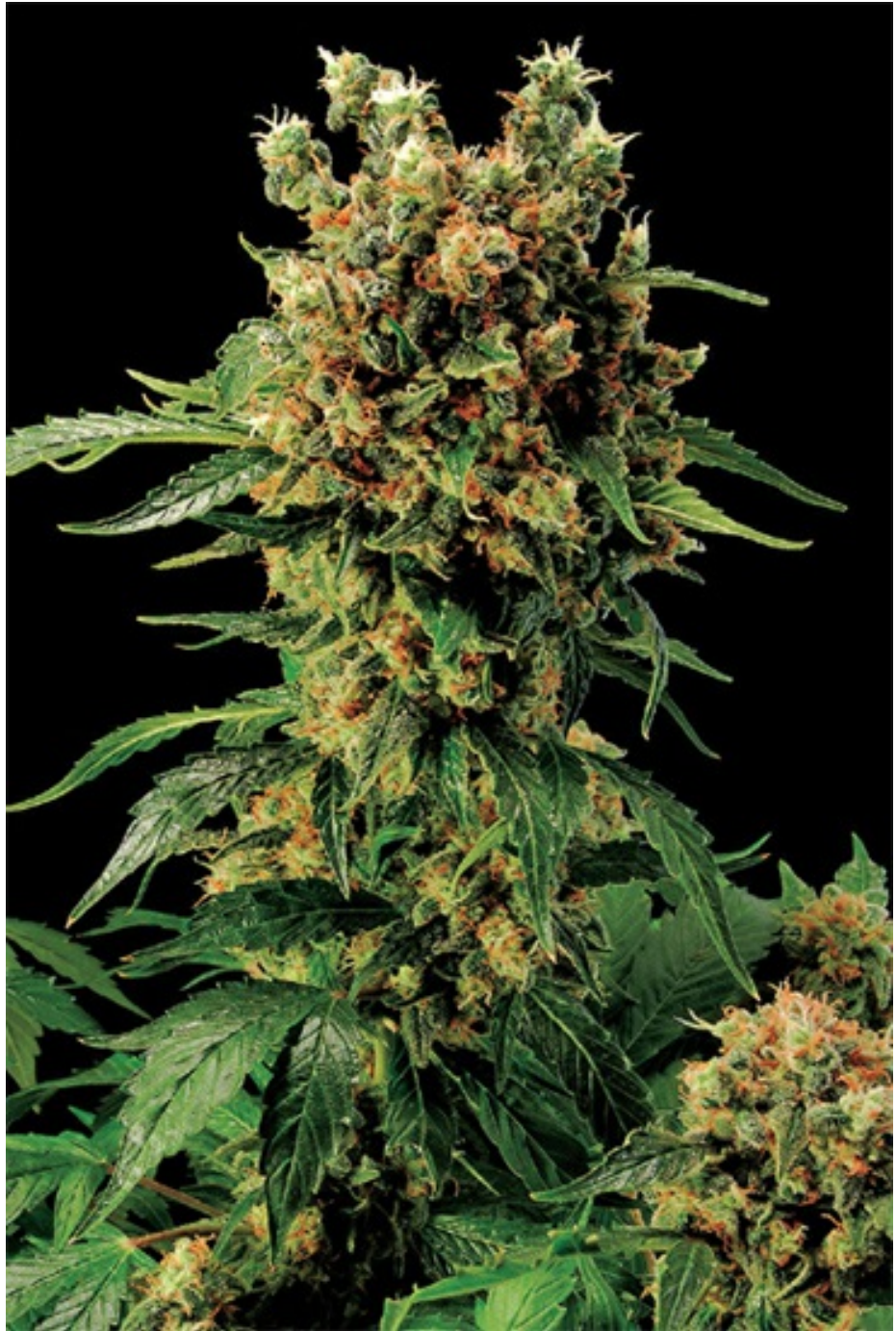
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: California Hash Plant x Northern Lights

Potency: THC 8-12%

dinafem.org





Cheedar

Spain's Projects Seeds are clearly big fans of the Cheese, as they've brought together a wicked classic strain from Britain called Old UK Cheese with an Afghani #23 plant to create a plant so stinky you'd think it was smoked Gouda. This is ideal for daily smoking and also for wrapping in bacon and stuffing inside a chicken. Oh, no, sorry; that's actual Gouda.

A medium-tall crop with a shorter flowering time than you might expect, Cheedar has a lot of Haze in its formation and taste so it will have a tendency to get leggy unless you keep an eye on it. Your lights should be as close to these plants as humanly possible to encourage them to stay tight and not force them to stretch more than necessary. It is an incredibly rapid flowering plant, finishing in just 60 days, and its tolerance to spider mites and other buggy pests means that it should be a successful crop even if you're not a great grower yet. Expect 600 grams per square yard from an indoor grow and up to a huge 900 grams per plant from your outdoor monsters.

Bring out the crackers and the nice red wine because this strain is Cheese through and through – with a hint of Haze to make it interesting. This Cheedar might even leave you feeling a little heavy, like a good camembert, and if you're lucky, it will send your dreams wild when you finally fall asleep. A body buzz with lots of energy makes this a great daytime toke!

Projects Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Old UK Cheese x Afghani #23

Potency: THC 17-21%

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Cheesy Dick

You can't say that the guys at Big Buddha Seeds don't have a sense of humor. This is not the first strain to be named after a male appendage and it certainly won't be the last, but it is one of the ickiest sounding ones when you really think about it. But don't worry; this is not one of those 'tastes like it sounds' strains; instead, it's a combination of Moby Dick and a reversed Big Buddha Cheese, making it a wonderfully high-yielding indica with a powerful taste and effect.

Dinafem's Moby Dick is a well-known and much lauded monster of a plant, bringing together the genetics of the mega-yielding Critical Mass and everyone's favorite classic, Jack Herer. By adding one of their own fantastic Cheese strains into the mix, Big Buddha Seeds have created a plant that any fan of the stinky stuff really must have in their rotation; even just one plant constitutes a mini commercial Cheese grow op of your very own. It's not a particularly tall plant, or one that's difficult to grow, but the sheer size and weight of the buds can present problems towards the end of the 10-week flowering period. Both indoors and out, growers should be very careful of allowing mold to form in the buds, and staking will almost always be necessary to prevent the branches from (quite literally) breaking under the strain. However, all these issues can be dealt with if you plan well; stake early, check regularly and ensure that your grow room has fantastic ventilation. This will both help reduce mold and encourage the branches to grow stronger, which means that you most likely won't need to stake your plant when flowering comes around. The less work for you, the better!

Big Buddha Seeds, UK

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Moby Dick x Big Buddha Cheese (Reversed)

Potency: THC 18%

bigbuddhaseeds.com

The finished buds from this plant will not only be massive; they'll also be liberally caked in resin. Rolling yourself some finger hash after harvest is a very worthwhile endeavor if you're a fan of a knockout high, although it's important to remember that hash will knock you down on your ass a lot quicker than a joint will. As a 95% indica, Cheesy Dick has a pretty strong stone that makes you feel as if you've taken a belly bump from Mike Tyson; your whole body will feel heavy, lumbering and not much use at all. Unless you've been toking since the late 80s, this strain is almost guaranteed to put you on your ass like a toddler learning to potty train, and leave you with just about the same amount of drool control, too. It's the taste, though, that's the real kicker: epic blue cheese flavors with a hint of spice, and thankfully not a single taste of dick.



Chem Fields

I used to wonder if Ultimate Seeds ripped the name of this strain from a news headline about Monsanto, but unfortunately I learned about Chem Fields' history and parentage and that put that smug little thought to bed once and for all. No, this strain's name is not a smarmy nod to the nefarious dealings of a huge corporation, but rather a respectful nod to the two strains that came together to create it: Chem Valley Kush and the ever fantastic Sannie's Killing Fields strain. Ultimate Seeds describes these plants as "the world's strongest strains," and while fans of Herijuana or G-13 might disagree with that, there's no arguing the fact that Chem Fields has the punch to knock you right into next week.

The pure indica Chem Valley Kush mother has a strong effect on this plant, despite the Killing Fields father being sativa dominant. Its growing style lies somewhere in the middle, making it suitable for both indoor and outdoor cultivation if you've got more than a little growing experience. If you're a total rookie, you might find that this plant takes a little more effort than the others in your grow, but it's most definitely worth the trouble. This has more stretch than you'll see in other, more heavy indica-dominant crosses, so pay special attention to the branching and be ready to train them if you're growing inside, to maximize the space used and to stop there becoming a huge web of branches that prevent you from getting anywhere near your plants. It might look impressive, but if a baby at the back is getting into trouble, you need to be able to get in there and fix it. There's no particular recommended way to grow Chem Fields, as it is fairly adaptable, and the flavor really isn't the reason that you'd grow this so an organic grow isn't that necessary. However, a strict hydro grow might get you in hot water if the pH level is thrown off even slightly, so if this is your first Chem Fields grow, maybe opt for something a little more forgiving, like soil. With the potential for a full 10 weeks of flowering, you don't want to be constantly fighting off sickness while your plants are trying to bloom.

Ultimate Seeds

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Chem Valley Kush x The Killing Fields

Potency: THC 24%

ultimateseeds.com

When they say that Chem Fields is addictive, they're not kidding. Approach this strain with caution if you have a tendency for overindulging in fantastic things and having too much of a great time. The strength of this strain is beyond words – and it will put you beyond thought and movement too if you have more than a tiny toke. One for the stoner connoisseurs.



Cherry Widow

Colorado's Irie Genetics are setting the bar pretty high for themselves with this strain, a beautiful combination of White Widow and Reeferman's classic Cherry Bomb Indica (the same California indica that Jack Herer himself knew and loved) that will excite anyone with a taste for an exotic mix that's a joy to grow.

Like many classic strains, this plant grows with light green, almost yellowy fan leaves but still has a dense, tight central cola that you'd expect from an indica-dominant strain. As Cherry Widow is particularly delicious, an organic soil grow will be suitable to help preserve the delicious flavor and keep it free from a chemical taste. With just 60 days of flowering time necessary you won't have to wait too long for your solid harvest to come in, and you'll enjoy the cherry red colors on the sizable buds when you're finally cutting them free – but try not to get too entranced! Whether you're a rookie grower or a seasoned greenthumb, you'll find this a fun and relatively hassle-free plant to cultivate.

With a flavor of fruit punch with cherry highlights and a head high that slides into a mild stone, it's really difficult not to fall in love with Cherry Widow. Anyone who drank too much Cherry Coke and smoked too much indica in their youth will find that both these memories are brought together and made all the more sweeter with this fantastic strain.

Irie Genetics Colorado, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow x Cherry Bomb Indica

Potency: THC 21.4%

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Citralah

Soma Seeds, you had me at Afghani Hawaiian. This tasty little number combines a fantastic sounding indica from the middle of the Pacific with a Citral from Pakistan, which might sound like an odd marriage but in fact works like a dream. The latter is used primarily for hash production in its native country, making this a fantastic strain for anyone who likes a ball of the black stuff – or a joint of the green stuff, for that matter.

With 80% indica influence, this strain will grow strong, short and squat whether your garden is indoors or out. A moderate climate will be most preferred, as will a natural soil environment with organic nutes and a little TLC. Don't overwhelm this beauty with too much attention, but when she tells you that she needs some help, don't ignore her! A little trimming here and there might be necessary to keep the plants growing to their full potential. For the best possible results from your Citralah plants, allow for a full 10 weeks of flowering and don't get too hasty with the chopping; exercising your patience and waiting a little longer will be worth it in the end! It's the Hawaiian influence that extends the flowering time by so much, so curse the shores of Oahu if you must, but let the plants properly mature. By the time harvest rolls around, you'll find yourself gazing with awe at your finished buds. The layers of deep and pale green will be accented by crisp white hairs and dark orange parts, with a liberal frosting of snow white crystals to top everything off. Damn, even the leaves are pretty on this plant!

Soma Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

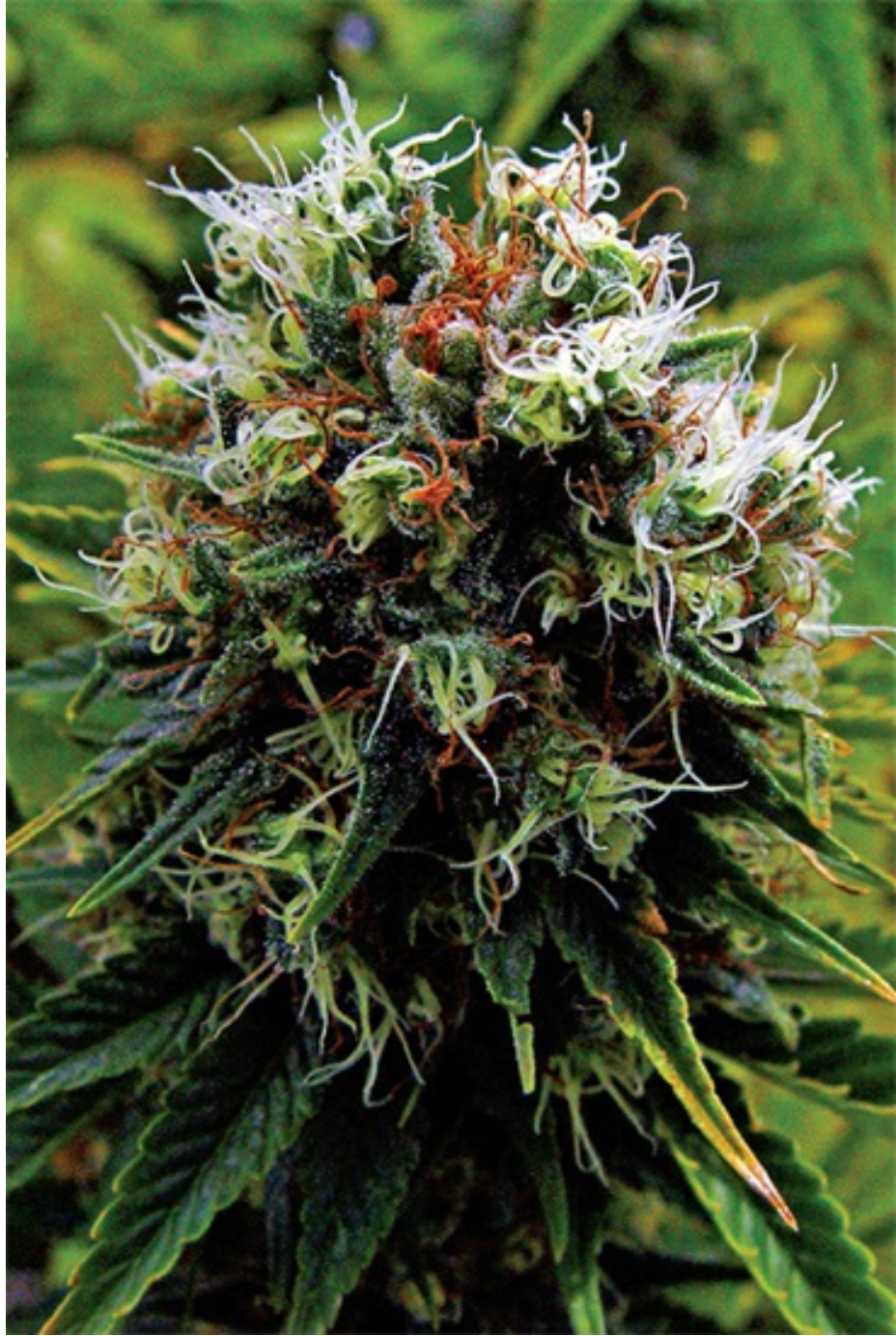
Genetics: Citral x Afghani Hawaiian

Potency: THC 18%

somaseeds.nl

As you're peering deep into the soul of your beautiful buds, take the time

to breathe in a little and explore the smells that are there, too. Fruity and playful, this strain is one that you feel like you could cram into your mouth and it would still taste wonderful. Don't do that, though – it's a bad idea, trust me. When you do get it packed into your bong, be prepared for a smack of lemon and lime straight to the face with a mouthful of Citralah smoke, and try to enjoy the flavor while you're coughing up your lungs a little. The high is a layered one, part Hawaiian head rush and part Afghani body buzz, with just enough space in between the two to keep you compos mentis (well, close) and enjoying the whole thing. Finger hash is a must after manicuring, and don't be afraid to try other hash methods too. It's what it's made for; 177 million Pakistanis can't be wrong!



Cloud #9

Anyone that knows Dinafem, and has heard growers and breeders from all over the world talk about the respect they have for this company and the plants that they grow, will know that if Dinafem call one of their strains Cloud #9, then you better get ready to be shot high into the heavens and feel something you've never felt before.

A cross of Critical+ and JYD Haze, this strain brings together two complex and beautiful lines to create a short but beautiful plant that is an indoor grower's dream. The breeders of Cloud #9 were interested in bringing this plant's moisture resistance up, but they also improved upon the vigor and strength of the Critical+ growing patterns, although this strain may still need to be staked in areas of high winds. Some plants can reach up to 9 feet tall, although indoor growers won't get anywhere near this height with their crop. The breeders at Dinafem recommend growing Cloud #9 in manure in order to obtain a more intense flavor and effect.

After 70 days of flowering, be ready to fall in love with some gorgeous orange and light green buds that will have a heavy stink. When you chop them down, dry them out and pack them into a nice clean pipe, you won't be disappointed. The deep stone is nothing short of heavenly, and with just a few tokes you'll feel like you really are relaxing on a cloud.

Dinafem Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Critical+ x JYD Haze

Potency: THC 12-19%

dinafem.org





Cosmic Brain

I can't smoke Cosmic Brain without thinking of Jamiroquai's 1996 hit Cosmic Girl and doing the slidey-feet dance from the video. Of course, when considering this wonderfully complex plant from Dynasty Seeds, what I should be thinking about is the Oregon Afghani and Space Queen F3 plants that comprise this amazingly heady little hybrid.

Dynasty Seeds' Professor P has shown yet again he's worth his weight in gold by breeding an old Afghani clone into a plant that's easy to grow and incredibly reliable, even in the hands of a newbie grower. Though these seeds require a little more effort to germinate, the plant is stable and expresses two phenotypes, each of which is more of a 'pole' structure with little branching. Harvest at 8 weeks for a head high and 9 weeks for a bit of a body stone, and expect a yield that tends towards the high side.

The flavors of this great little strain range from vanilla latte to cherry, and regardless of when you harvest, the high, taste and smoke will make you feel like you really are in a cosmic world. I'm not really into pun-based comedy on the best of days, and especially not when I'm high on a beautiful Space Queen cross, so to make another Jamiroquai joke here would not only be against my nature and terribly gauche, it would be...Virtual Insanity.

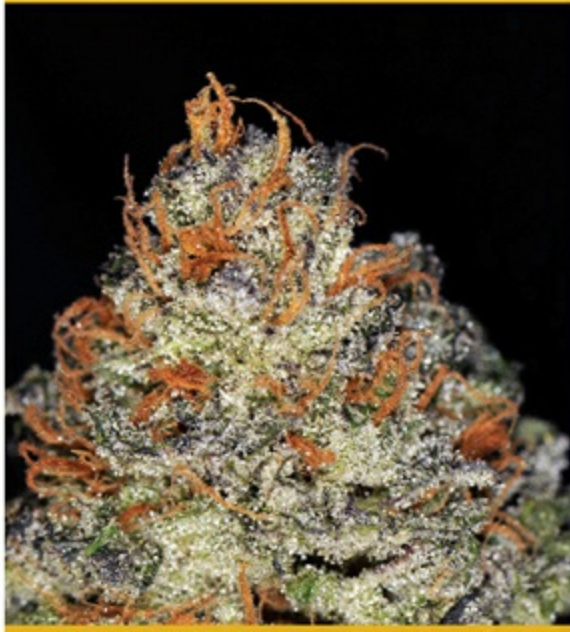
Dynasty Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Oregon Afghani x Space Queen F3

Potency: THC 19-21%

dynastyseeds.com





Crazy Miss Hyde

There's a bit of coincidence here, as Crazy Miss Hyde is what my buddy called his ex-girlfriend every time she turned from her lovely, caring, hilarious self into a steam-rolling automaton of evil for no apparent reason. In fact, that nickname might explain why she's now his ex. I think the breeders over at Spain's Samsara Seeds must have made the same mistake once or twice, as they've chosen this name for their mostly indica mix of Northern Lights and Belladonna, too. Does this mean that when I'm not suspecting it, my Crazy Miss Hyde buds are going to smash a chair over my head and try and stab me with the splintered leg? I can only hope not.

This Crazy Miss Hyde is somewhat less crazy than you might be led to believe from her name; as she's a majority indica, she'll actually be way more tame than many other lady plants. She's a 70% indica, in fact, making her short enough to be grown indoors but not so short that an outdoor grow would be lost on her. Her lack of height translates into some fantastic growth on the buds, which will be solid, orange and so resinous it's almost obscene. I certainly feel a bit dirty and ashamed of myself after thumbing through the pics of a friend's most recent Crazy Miss Hyde grow. Although this isn't a strain that's particularly known for its flavor, a soil grow that dispenses with chemicals will produce the best taste, and medical users would be advised to go organic, while treating your plants with a good dose of nutes will be preferable for those who value the weight of the final harvest above everything else. If this is the case with you, you might want to consider growing Crazy Miss Hyde outdoors, as outdoor growers can expect to harvest up to a huge 900 grams per plant while indoor cultivators should expect somewhere in the region of 400 grams per square yard of grow room. In either scenario, an 8-week flowering time will be necessary, which translates to a harvest date around the end of September for those growing outdoors in the Northern Hemisphere.

Samsara Seeds, Spain

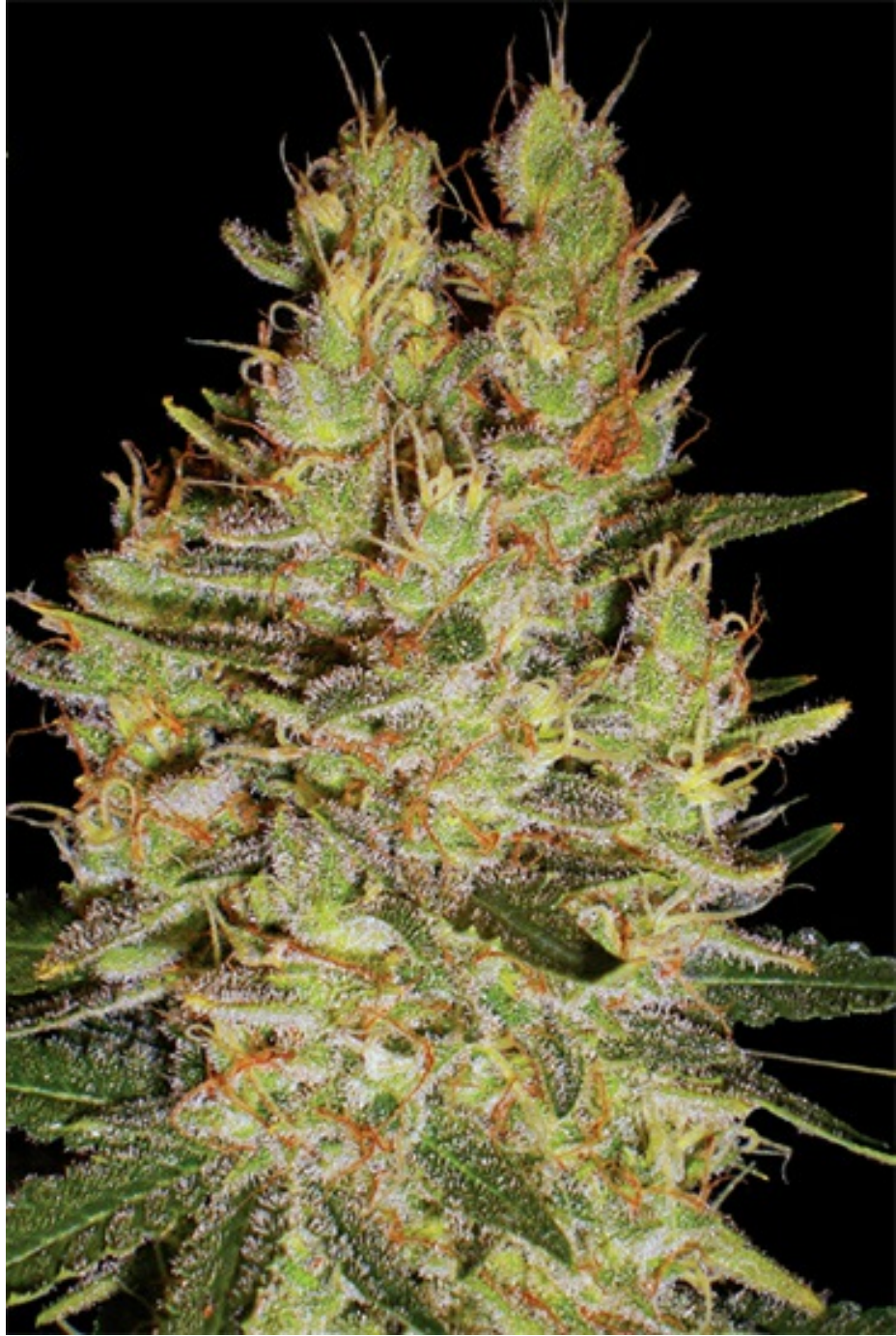
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Northern Lights x Belladonna

Potency: THC 21%

samsaraseeds.com

If you chose to go for an organic set up, you'll be able to enjoy the unclouded berry flavors of this strain without a chemical aftertaste or a dumbing down of the taste. This isn't the main facet of Crazy Miss Hyde, however; the kicker for this young lady is what she can do to your brain. Once the smoke clears, Miss Hyde certainly will make you crazy as she invades your brain and brings you down from the inside. Be prepared for a static few hours as you piece yourself back together again and try and figure out what the hell just happened to you and where your pipe has gone.



Criminal +

There's something afoot in the Ripper Seeds headquarters in Spain, and I think it might be an overexcited passion for London's famous Jack the Ripper. How else could you explain both their company name and the fact that they called this Critical + and Double Glock blend Criminal +? Coincidence? I think not.

A faster and more vigorous version of its parent strains, Criminal + is an 80% indica strain that's short but powerful, and an absolutely phenomenal producer. This is a fantastic strain for almost any type of set up, meaning that whether you're an organic soil grower or you have a complex aeroponic system that would have Nikola Tesla scratching his head, you'll be happy with the look of your crops and even happier with your yield at the end of the 55-day flowering period. A short vegetative period of 1 to 2 weeks will keep this strain at a manageable size and if you feed your plants with some heavy nutes I'm not kidding when I say that your final harvest will be heavier than a sumo wrestler who's just moved to the USA.

They don't look like it, but these Criminal + nugs will explode with a sweet, fruity taste. This is a good strain for a party despite its devastating effects, as it will make you very social as well as droopy in the body area. You might even say that it's criminal. (Sorry).

Ripper Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Critical Mass x Double Glock

Potency: THC 17%

ripperseeds.com





Critical #47

If you haven't heard of Positronics Seeds, I don't know where you've been for the last few years but it certainly wasn't Spain. These guys have been making big waves in their native country and beyond for years now, and they don't show signs of resting on their laurels any time soon. This strain is one that's sure to excite growers who love Critical Mass, as it combines that genetic line with the line of the amazing Serious Seeds' AK-47. Simon's most famous creation, AK-47, is the favorite of smokers the world over, and combining this with such a super yielder as Critical Mass is good news for those who love to grow, love to sell and love to toke!

Thanks to the sativa influence in this plant's genetics, Critical #47 will grow to a medium height, a little taller than you might expect from an indica-dominant strain. If grow space is an issue for you, cut the vegetative period a little shorter than normal to stunt the vertical growth a little and make the plants fit your space better. The leaves will be a light green color and the fairly strong stems will exhibit good branching, although they might need to be staked early on to provide support later in the flowering stage. The lateral branching will exhibit particularly good growth, so make sure you pay attention to all parts of the plant! If you're into cloning, you will find that this is the perfect plant for you as the branches practically throw cuttings at you, all of which will be fairly easy to care for. After a short 55 days of flowering, you should be able to harvest around 400 grams per square yard indoors and about 500 grams per plant outdoors, which is testament to the high-yielding nature of the Critical Mass parent. You will absolutely 100% need a good carbon filtering system in the flowering stages, otherwise your whole zip code will smell the shit you're growing – and that's never a good thing, because if everyone can smell it, so can the cops!

Positronics Seeds, Spain
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Critical Mass x AK-47

Potency: THC 15-18%

positronics.eu

The taste of Skunk is really brought through in this line, which is amazing considering that it isn't that prominent in either parent. Dried, the buds will smell like vanilla cream and fruit, while the flavor is a lot more Skunky with additional hints of sweetness. Critical #47 brings about a stone that's very heavy and lumbering, with just enough cerebral energy to stop you from falling asleep straightaway. You'll get some chronic cottonmouth and some mad crazy munchies, so stock up on beers or water and a pile of chips with dip!



Diamond Hash

I've featured Spain's Vulkania Seeds several times before in my strain guides, and you know by now that I love interesting seed breeders. Based in the Canary Islands, these guys have access to some natural beauty of the highest order, and their volcanic soil, endless sun and amazing quality water helps their seeds to carry a quality that others just don't. They specialize in feminized seeds, and have a pretty stellar breeding process, too. However, you could have a veritable Wonka's factory of gadgets and gizmos, along with water that was only sweated off the nipples of virgins, and it wouldn't mean a single thing if your strains were shit. Thankfully, these guys have strains that are a testament to their surroundings and skills, like this Diamond Hash plant.

This strain is a majority indica mixture of old school Shiva and White Fya, which is a special Vulkania modification of a classic White Widow. As well as sharing a name with the dog of the best marijuana photographer in the business (and the Hindu god of transformation), Shiva is an old Afghani from Amsterdam that's known for its good yield. The Shiva genes in this plant make Diamond Hash a great choice for a first or second grow, as it is vigorous and resistant to both pests and stupid rookie errors. It is also a fantastic choice for indoor growing, thanks to its medium size and its fantastic branching. There is almost no extra space between the nodes, meaning that you'll get the very best yield from the room available. In fact, due to this plant's structure you can look forward to a killer yield of around 400 grams per square yard of grow room. Not too shabby, hey? After a 20-day vegetation period you'll want to flip this baby into flowering and leave it there for around 60 days, depending on your preference for the high. The longer you leave the plants, the heavier the stone – but beware before you go all “Billy Big Balls” and leave it for 70 days before rolling up a blunt the size of a baby's arm, because Diamond Hash already packs a wicked punch. Those balls won't seem so big when you're lying on the floor motionless and drooling down your face like a sad puppy.

Vulkania Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Shiva x White Fya

Potency: THC 17%

vulkaniaseeds.com

As well as the mad awesome body stone mentioned above, a Diamond Hash high has a little play about the brain and a bit of a kick in the pants. The smoke tastes of ripe fruit and a little black pepper, but it's the smackdown of the stone that's really going to have you talking about this strain for weeks.



Diesel Chunk

I know, I know; it's hard to even hear the name of Diesel Chunk without getting a little excited, but calm down long enough for me to give you the details of this private breeder's latest masterpiece. Taking a choice cut of Soma's NYC Diesel and breeding it with the epic Deep Chunk, Garru from Spain has succeeded in making the sort of plant that makes most growers and tokers a little wet in the pants.

Made by the breeder for personal use, and outside of his usual field of landrace genetics, Diesel Chunk nonetheless has all the hallmarks of a strain bred by a consummate professional. Fast flowering, squat and a plant that produces resin like teenagers produce angst, Diesel Chunk brings together the best traits of its parents and manages to improve on them both. Finishing in an incredibly short 56 days, this little plant doesn't yield as much as its taller sisters but does bring a quality that far surpasses many of its peers.

Of course, the real quality is in the high, here. That much-loved NYC Diesel cerebral high mixes with a mellow but effective body stone to bring one of those classic effects that you tell your friends about, topped off with a gorgeous taste. A killer strain from a talented breeder that deserves some serious underground respect.

Breeder Garru, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: NYC Diesel (Soma's cut) x Deep Chunk

Potency: THC 17-20%





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DK Cheese

You! Yes, you there, at the back of the class, stop that juvenile giggling. Yes, we've all got the joke, thank you; there's no need to spell it out. Yes, you're funny. Now sit down. Stop saying it. And spit out that gum. Now that that's over with, we can properly talk about DK Cheese from Denmark's Sadhu Seeds – no, don't start laughing again, please – and how it is a unique blend of UK Cheese, Hindu Kush and Skunk #1. Just read that through again; that's a veritable who's who of the most popular lines of the last ten years, making this a weed supergroup of epic proportions!

A mostly indica hybrid, DK Cheese will be easy to grow for both experienced cultivators who can bring a landrace Afghani to maturity without even breaking a sweat and growers who have never managed to grow more than a colony of mold in their basement or a sense of apathy in their souls. SOG growers especially will find that this plant is particularly well suited to their needs, with its medium-small height and good lateral branching. This plant is meant for indoor cultivation much more than outdoors, and though you might be able to bring DK Cheese to fruition outside, it will certainly be more difficult and neither you nor it will particularly enjoy the experience. Having said that, DK Cheese prospers in both soil and hydro grows, and you'll be rewarded for your work with extremely resinous buds that are as heavy as they are beautiful. It's highly recommended that growers invest in a good filtering and odor control system as towards the end of the 8 weeks of flowering, it will be insanely difficult to mask the smell of these crops in any other way. Once your grow room is filled with ripe, ready trees, pregnant with pot possibility, the last thing you want is the cops kicking down your door or a nosy neighbor stealing your prize buds. Keep your air clean from odors and your nugs nice and safe! Expect to bring in 400 grams per square yard of grow room.

Sadhu Seeds, Denmark

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: UK Cheese x Hindu Kush/Skunk #1

Potency: THC 16%

sadhu-seeds.webs.com

chillo.dk

grobedre.dk

The smell of bad feet and old cheese that permeates your grow room while the plants are maturing will linger in the finished buds, although the taste will be more hash-y and comforting. Get ready to be completely overwhelmed and invaded by the stone that's coming your way, as it's fatter than a five-skin blunt and more devastating than hearing that someone just ate the last bag of Reese's Pieces. At the end of your stash, you'll be begging for another mouthful of DK Cheese. Now you can laugh, you at the back.



Double Purple Doja

Double Purple Doja sounds like one of those yoga moves that West Coast vegans blog about doing all the time between sips of soy cappuccinos; a move that sounds like you could quite easily dislocate your hip if you're not careful. However, Double Purple Doja is actually what you get when you mix one part Sputnik #1 and one part Black Russian with one part incredibly talented breeder from Outlaw Genetics. No threat to the hips involved.

This F3 version of an already fantastic cross expresses several phenotypes, of which almost all are bright, heady purple even when they're not exposed to cooler temperatures. A couple of phenos stretch more than others, but none will get so tall that it starts to become a problem. The flowering time for all varieties averages at around 8 weeks, and the yields you get are nothing short of phenomenal. If working with a purple strain is your dream, then you need to get this and hoard it as your breeding stock; and not only just because it's a treat to grow.

The amazing fruit smell of this strain is as addictive as the heady, enjoyable high. Watch out for the Sour Grape phenotype, as this intoxicating flavor will linger longer than the others and it tastes like a handful of Nerds, the candy addiction of the 80s youth!

Outlaw Genetics

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Sputnik #1 x Black Russian

Potency: THC 15-17%

breedbay.co.uk



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Double White

Spain's Sweet Seeds have come up with a real winner with this strain. Although they're not the oldest seed company around, they embrace new classics with gusto and aren't afraid to try crosses that, on paper, might not sound so great – and somehow they always make them work. This one, however, sounds good on paper, scrawled on a wall and even etched into an old bit of wood: any strain that brings together two separate White varieties is going to be something special. These two particular White varieties are White Widow, that stalwart of the strain community, and Great White Shark, one of the more popular new White strains and one that's well-known amongst tokers worldwide. Both strains were represented in the breeding process by choice clones, ensuring that the quality of the genetics was passed on to the new generation.

If this is your first experience with growing a White strain, get ready to have your socks knocked off. They've got a solid fan base for more than one reason. Not only do White strains grow faster than you can say "I should have staked that plant at the start," they also grow easily and with an independence that's only usually seen in sassy Gender Studies students who've just moved away from home. You could barely even tend to this plant, and it would only start moaning because it was lonely. The structure is very resistant to the elements and to whatever else you can think to do to it, and the short distance between internodes means that as soon as it starts to bloom, your Double White plant will be so gorgeous you'll barely be able to keep your eyes off it. Although it doesn't really need your help, if you decide to train this plant, it will easily go along with your plans and will grow strong in almost any set up. Towards the middle of the 9-week flowering period, which is about average for a strain of White descent, you'll notice that the flowering buds are starting to come together in one gloriously huge cola. The yields from this plant are nothing to sniff at, reaching up to 600 grams per square yard of indoor grow space or 600 grams per plant for an outdoor grow.

Sweet Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow x Great White Shark

Potency: THC 18%

sweetseeds.es

I know that you'll be excited by your first Double White harvest, but be sure to allow it a nice little curing period if you really want to get the best out of your buds. The resulting light, floral and sweet tasting smoke will be worth your while, and the way this taste melts into a strong but relaxing and balanced stone will just make you fall in love.



Eisbaer

AlphaKronik Genetics, based out of the USA, have already impressed us greatly with their penchants for creating those crosses that other people just don't seem to think of, and also the crazy steez with which they do it. This strain, named with the German word for "polar bear," is a nicely balanced hybrid cross between The White and AlphaKronik's own SnowDawg BX; a combination that yet again blows your mind with the fantastic quality of the genetics before you've even figured out how good the smoke is going to be.

The blend of the lines brought by the White female and the SnowDawg BX male will be an absolute joy for growers who've got some experience under their belt and know how to handle a plant with a little more skill than newbie growers. The strength of the structure and the great branching of this plant mean that it can be cultivated in a variety of ways, but SOG growers will find it particularly well suited for their needs. Eisbaer will stay medium sized at around 4 feet to 6 feet, and it will finish completely in 70 days from forced flowering, making it one of the quicker hybrids. A Skunky aroma towards harvest time means you better get ready to attack the smell, otherwise everyone on your block will come over for a piece of the action. The white, snowy buds will be coated with resin and look like they've been dipped in powdered sugar, but don't be fooled; they're much better dried, cured, ground and packed real tight into a bong or a pipe.

AlphaKronik Genetics, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: The White x SnowDawg BX

Potency: THC 20%

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Although Eisbaer is not the heaviest of yielders, pound for pound it packs

a real punch, much like its namesake; a polar bear might not be the biggest animal on the planet but I still wouldn't want to go toe to toe with one, lest it smash my head off my shoulders like it was crushing a peanut shell. The effect of Eisbaer is similar to this; your head seems somewhat removed from your body, anyway. If you're a medical user, you will find that this strain is great for problems like Muscular Dystrophy, Parkinson's Disease, chronic pain and arthritis. If you're just a recreational user, get yourself ready for the ride of a lifetime. With two particularly potent parent strains you know you've got a serious stone on your hands, and this smoke feels like it turns you inside out, back to front, all the way and back again and then slaps you in the face to finish. Neither your mind nor your body are spared. Just be happy you got out alive.



Exodus Cheese

I imagine that the Green House Seed Company offices in Holland hold the same place in the hearts of the Dutch as Buckingham Palace does in the hearts of the Brits – oh, all right, of the Brits over sixty-five. I imagine it to have towers made of pure bud that tourists flock to year after year, just hoping to get a sniff of some White Rhino or Jack Herer – but if they're especially lucky this year, they might just get a nose full of Exodus Cheese; and when the Green House palace is smoking this strain, the whole of Europe's going to know about it.

This, a very impressive cut of the fabulous Cheese, was formerly a clone-only strain in the UK before it was liberated for the rest of us into seed form. It expresses two phenotypes: one which is shorter, more compact and quicker to finish, and one which looks more like a sativa-dominant plant with greater stretch and height. More experienced growers will be able to get the best out of this plant and will enjoy the unique challenges that it brings, so unless you've got a few grows under your belt this one might be best left until later. Exodus Cheese is happy both outdoors and indoors, and indoor cultivators will find the best results using 1000 watts of light per square yard of grow space. You can expect good lateral branching that may need to be staked towards the end of the 8-week flowering time, but don't we all need a helping hand once in a while? An average yield for an indoor grower going by the recommendations above should be around 800 grams per square yard of grow room, making Exodus Cheese a medium-high yielder. Outdoor cultivators can expect a similar yield from their larger plants, each bringing in around 800 grams when they're at their peak. Growers, however, should be aware that this plant will be one stinky mother lover, so a good strategy for odor control will be absolutely necessary. If you're outdoors, just let nature do its work!

Green House Seed Co., Holland

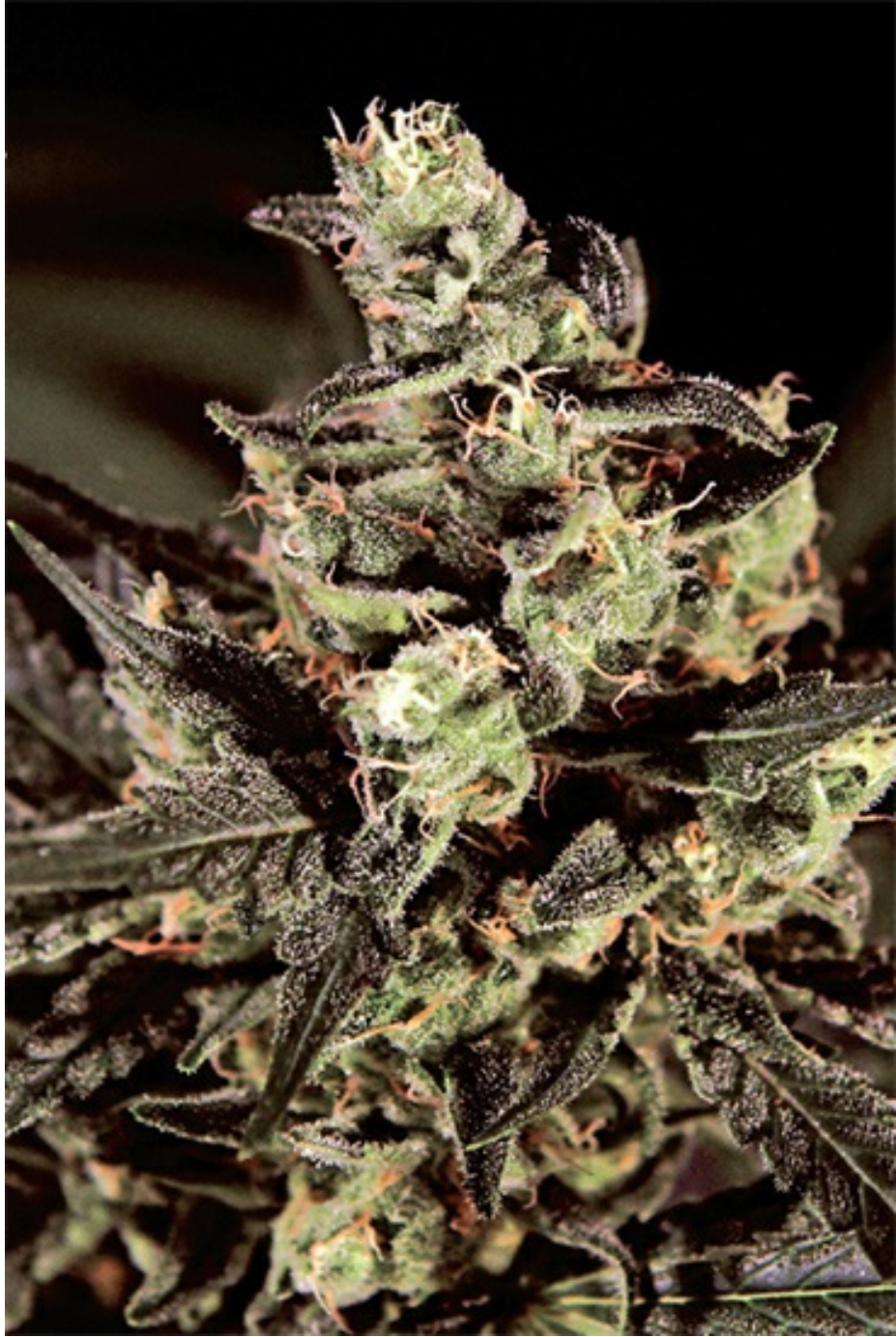
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Exodus Cheese Cut

Potency: THC 18.43%

greenhousesseeds.nl

A true Cheese strain in every sense, Exodus Cheese buds will be almost offensive to the nose – and you will love it. If you sniff hard enough you'll notice notes of earth, moss and pine and when the thick smoke enters your lungs you'll get a gorgeously dank taste of the oldest, most French cheese you can imagine. The stone is a thick, lingering cloud of sloth, excellent for both sufferers of insomnia and pain and those of us who just love to get wicked-ass ripped to the point of paralysis. Another great strain from the true trailblazers of European pot.



Friesland BX

Now, call me a lame old marijuana nerd (no, really, do), but I like to collect things. More specifically, I like to collect old-school catalogs from the Super Sativa Seed Club back in the day. I know, I know; it's a miracle I'm not still a virgin. Anyways, I know from literally days and days spent thumbing through these catalogs while high as the proverbial kite with cut strings that Friesland BX used to sit in the M33 location. Eventually, because of its popularity with the people who read these catalogs, the strain became known as M33, purely because that was its order number. It was also especially popular in Quebec, Canada; I remember I was living in a friend's gallery space (read: dirty little back room with no bed in a run-down gallery) in my teens and that was all we would smoke, all day, every day. HortiLab, you've done some poor kids well by bringing this beauty back!

Now that I'm (much) older, I can appreciate Friesland BX for more than its ability to get me totally wasted and its interesting naming history. Now I can appreciate, for one, its sheer size; for an indica-dom this is certainly up there with the big boys. It prefers an outdoor grow over an indoor set up or greenhouse, as the extra space of the great outdoors gives it the chance to fully spread its wings. These plants exhibit a lot of side branching, meaning that when planting, you should be sure to leave a lot of space between each plot, otherwise you'll end up with some impenetrable web of branches like something from a Tim Burton movie. Growers in the Northern Hemisphere will find that this is a stellar performer for them, which will be completely finished between September 1st and 25th and all ready to go. When finished, Friesland BX even looks like an old schoolmaster: fat, even buds that are covered in trichomes and smell like freshly cut pine. The yield is pretty classic, too; with a little TLC and a teeny bit of luck, you can harvest up to a huge 2 pounds per plant. I told you outdoor growers would love it!

HortiLab Seed Company, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: M33 by Super Sativa Seed Club

Potency: THC 16%

hortilab.nl

The woody aroma and earthy taste of this strain take me straight back to those Montreal gallery days, so much that I can almost smell the dirty socks and stale, damp wallpaper of that old back room. Most of all, though, I remember the foggy head and even heavier body that I used to drag around the streets, trying in vain to speak French just so I could get some Cheetos. I realize now that this strain would be perfect for medicinal users; back then, it was simply my favorite smoke.



Fruitylicious

Spain's Mandala Seeds are damn good at marketing, because the very name of this strain has my mouth watering like a rabid dog. And yet what else could you really call a plant bred from Very Berry Hashberry and Blueberry? Berry Surprise? Merry Berry? The BerryBerryBerry? In retrospect, Fruitylicious was a tame choice!

Whether you grow this plant indoor, outdoor or in a greenhouse, you'll find that it's a hardy and medium-sized plant that's great for beginners and veteran cultivators alike. The breeders recommend 60 watts of HPS light per square foot of grow space for best results, although nothing beats the natural sun of a warm climate! After 65 days of flowering you'll be bringing in 50 grams per square foot or about 800 grams per plant outdoors when grown in good soil. The buds smell like – well, guess. Yep, you got it! Berries and fruit! How did you know?

You'll feel like you just inhaled an Eton Mess when you smoke this strain, although that feeling will soon be overtaken by an incredibly joyful high that's easy to manage, especially if you're doing something creative. Pursuits like picking berries, drinking berry smoothies and rolling in ripe blackberries whilst naked are all encouraged – although you should be careful of sharp spikes lest you do yourself a mischief.

Mandala Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Very Berry Hashberry x Blueberry

Potency: THC 18%

mandalaseeds.com





G-Spot F1 (AKA Kandi OG)

Sometimes known as Kandi OG but better (and more awesomely, in my opinion) known as G-Spot, this is an F1 cross of an OG Kush mother and a Cotton Candy male from the wonderful M.G.M. Genetics in the U.S. If you're a fan of stinky-ass buds, be ready to fall in love because this sort of pungency can set off car alarms in the next street.

An 80/20 indica/sativa hybrid, this is a squat, bushy plant that likes to be grown in soil or in a ScrOG set up. If you're growing in soil be aware that your plant will benefit greatly from some heavy nutes, although as ever, don't go over the top. The plants will also need to be topped to get the very best results. In just 55 days of bloom the fat, stinky buds will be ripe and ready for action!

A sweet and sour flavor comes along with the G-Spot smoke, followed by a giggly high that will eventually make you fall asleep where you're standing. The effects start in your brain then slowly work their way down through your whole body, finally settling somewhere in the middle with their fingers in your brain as well as in your belly. Although the smell might put off more sensitive folks, it's definitely worth powering through – and when you do, you'll definitely be glad that you hit the G-Spot. (Oh God, I'm so sorry. I couldn't resist!).

M.G.M. Genetics, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: OG Kush x Cotton Candy

Potency: THC 19% / CBD 7%



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Ganesh

Named after the Elephant-headed Hindu God with the multiple arms, this Mandala Seeds strain brings together genetics from Afghanistan with a Yamuna: a landrace Uttarakhand from Northern India.

Like the statues that we so closely associate with the strain's namesake, Ganesh plants are so short that they cry out for a closet set up or a grow box. Treat your plants to an organic soil grow with little to no feeding, especially in the later stages of flowering, and you'll be treated, in return, to a field of baseball-bat colas that are beautifully uniform. Intensely vigorous growth pattern means that you need to be on the lookout for mold and bud rot throughout this plant's lifetime. Under 600 watts of HPS light per square yard, you'll harvest 450 grams per yard squared after 60 days. Outdoor growers can expect about 800 grams per plant.

Your dense finished buds will necessitate an almost industrial-strength grinder and will burst into aromas of earth and chocolate when you finally bust them up. Ganesh is considered to be the lord of learning and wisdom, so to honor this, set yourself up in front of some documentary films with friends, because this is both a physically relaxing and mentally stimulating high that will make you a bit less stupid than normal. Thanks, Ganesh!

Mandala Seeds, Spain

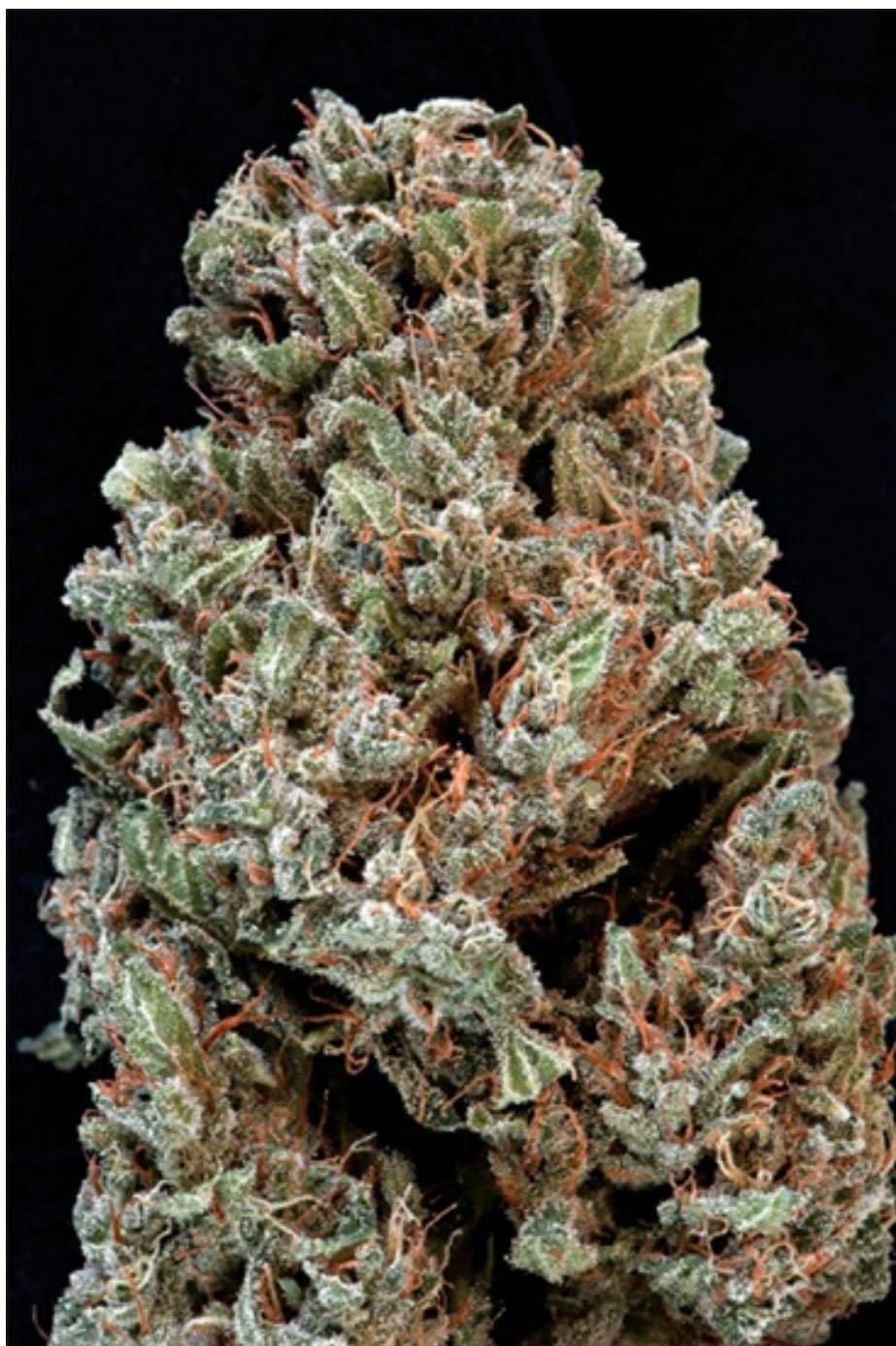
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Yamuna (Landrace Uttarakhand from Northern India) x Afghan

Potency: THC 20-23%

mandalaseeds.com





Gingerbread Kush

If you haven't yet heard of BillBerry Farms, you soon will; they're the tissue-culture pioneers who are pushing marijuana horticulture into a whole new realm. Their breeding speaks for itself, especially when they bring together Hash Plant, OG Kush and MK Ultra genetics to make a strain like Gingerbread Kush!

This Kush is perfect for both indoor and outdoor growth, as it can adapt well to its surroundings, growing between 2 and 6 feet tall. Its preferred environment sits at around 76° F, so its native USA is a great place to grow this fantastic strain. It takes particularly well to a ScrOG set up, and also does wonderfully in a soil grow. In SOG the plants stay short so will need to be vegged for longer, but you won't need to worry about pests or mold as it is naturally resistant to both of these things. You can expect to yield 75 grams per plant indoors or 400 grams outdoors – so if you have the space, go outdoors!

As a strong indica, Gingerbread Kush will give incredible pain relief for medical users; and indeed, that's what it was made for. The citrus and sweet taste makes it perfect for all-day toking for those in need, and finally proves that good medicine doesn't need to taste like the inside of your Grandma's old slipper. Great work, BillBerry Farms.

BillBerry Farms, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Hash Plant x OG Kush x MK Ultra

Potency: THC 17-19%

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God's Gift

Everyone loves a good ol' U.S. strain, and with both Purps and OG Kush in its family tree, this strain is about as 'Murican as an eagle with a gun driving a truck and playing some Springsteen. The USA-based Green Haven Genetics have pleased a lot of stoners (as well as a lot of patriots) with this strain, which became incredibly popular in 2005. With the stellar genetics of Ken's Granddaddy Purple and OG Kush in its makeup, this strain was always going to be a winner with smokers, but these days its popularity is spreading – and deservedly so!

A 90% indica, God's Gift is a relatively short plant, topping out at about 4 feet, and is incredibly good for beginner growers as she is very easy to care for and isn't too sensitive. Any plant under 6 feet is going to be popular with indoor growers, but outdoor farmers will also find that this strain is great for a guerilla grow or even for backyard growing if you camouflage it with some taller plants and make sure it's hidden at all times. Forced flowering should occur when the plant is around 2 feet tall, as it will double in size in the flowering period, but this also means that you'll rake in a good harvest at the end of the 9-week flowering period. The short, squat growing style means that the plant will have some strong and sturdy branches, meaning that it will have no problem carrying the weight of its own heavy buds, even towards the very end of flowering. Because of the density of the flowers, however, you should ensure that a lot of airflow is passing through them so that mold doesn't start to form. Especially for those growing their own God's Gift for medical use, losing any buds so close to harvest time would be both gutting and annoying.

Green Haven Genetics, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Ken's Granddaddy Purple x OG Kush

Potency: THC 21.36%

You might catch a hint of berries from the Granddaddy Purp influence in this strain, but, quite honestly, this isn't popular for its taste so much as its effect. Dispensaries love this strain so much for the relief it can offer their chronic pain sufferers, but it also brings on fits of laughter and feelings of joy, which can be just as therapeutic for those suffering from serious, long-term ailments. No matter what your medical problem, this strain will lay you out while it deals with your pain, making it a good choice for a night time sleep aid and couch-locker. This is a great strain to keep in your arsenal as the go-to smoke when others don't quite get you to the place where you need to be.



Grand Daddy Purp

Grand Daddy Purp, as a strain, has enjoyed considerable popularity in the very recent past. This strain has given rise to many imitators, and many of them claim to be the true original, but according to the USA-based K. W. Estes Mediceticals, theirs is pretty legit. Developed back in 2003 (yeah, it didn't seem like a long time ago when you read it, but now you're thinking about it, that's ages ago, hey?), this is a strain lauded for its ability to control pain even in the patients who are suffering the most and also for its beautiful-looking buds.

Whether you're a newbie grower or a veritable veteran of the cultivation world, Grand Daddy Purp will almost certainly suit your growing style. A forgiving plant that can be happy in a whole variety of scenarios and set ups, this strain shouldn't be too harsh on you if you mess up a feeding schedule or you crop with a little bit too much excitement. Grown indoors or outdoors, this will be a beauty to behold, although the colder temperatures of outdoors will help to bring out the gorgeous lilac hues and increase the street value of the finished nugs. To achieve this effect indoors, just drop your temps a little when you feel it won't negatively affect the plants, and you should be seeing purple before too long. This plant is one that's quite adaptable to any situation and though it might gain a little more height in an outdoor setting, it won't become unmanageable or too wild to deal with. It's a great yielder, and you'll fall head over heels in love with the buds as they finish their development in the flowering stage: deep purple, almost black in places, with neon green patches and a smothering of crystals so heavy that you'd think they'd been rolled in powdered sugar or even something a little stronger. These astounding beauties will be fully finished between 9 and 11 weeks, depending on what kind of high you're looking for from your Grand Daddy, and a long curing phase will help to bring the very best out of this fantastic plant.

K. W. Estes Medicentials, USA

Indica-Dominant

Potency: THC 17%

granddaddypurp.com

If you're a toker of some experience, you might have heard good things about this strain and its beautiful buds as well as its fantastic high. If you're a medical user, you'll have already heard that Grand Daddy Purp is great for a whole range of conditions, including joint pain, loss of appetite, nausea, migraines and that pain that just won't go away. The potency of this strain is incredibly strong, so set your sights on a good night's sleep or a very dozy conversation about what's best about the original Star Trek before you have a toke; it's certainly not going to get more deep than that.



Granny Derkel

Granny Derkel sounds, to my pop culture ears, like the bad matriarch in an Addams Family-style sitcom. She's cranky and a little evil but she always helps the bad kid get his way. It seems fitting then that this strain encompasses Sour Diesel and Grand Daddy Urkel in with the Purple Diesel and Purple Erkel lines, and that, despite everything, it's a sweet little smoke.

A medium-sized plant, Granny Derkel can be grown just about anywhere but it vastly prefers a good indoor grow room with some real quality soil. As an 80% indica, it won't grow too tall and it will exhibit some beautiful branching with deep, dark leaves; in short, it will grow just like an indoor grower loves his plants to grow. The nugs will be extremely tight and dense, heavy like the hot core of the sun and, because of this, a little prone to mold. Keep an eye on your plants every single day and act at the first sign of bud rot! They will be properly finished in a short 8 weeks with a medium-high yield.

These beautiful buds will smell a little sour and oily but will smoke up like a dream. Expect an energetic and euphoric high with enough body buzz to keep you from moving around all that much. This Granny has a lot more life in her than the Granny you might be used to – so be careful and don't give her too much Bailey's.

SoHum Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: (Grand Daddy Urkel x Purple Diesel) x (Sour Diesel x Purple Erkle)

Potency: THC 24%

sohumseeds.com





Green Spirit

It would be showing my age a little to say that whenever I hear the name of this strain I think of Kurt Cobain, so I'm going to keep that piece of information to myself. I will say, however, that Dutch Passion have been at the top of their game for a long time, and you always know that when you're smoking a Dutch Passion strain the quality is going to be high (if you'll pardon the pun). After twenty-five years in business they know their shit, and this strain is something of a classic in their grow rooms. A cross between Big Bud and Skunk #1, Green Spirit was created with the intent of making the Big Bud genetics take on the consistent nature of the Skunk #1 strain; an experiment that was more than successful.

In addition to a homogenous nature, Green Spirit has also inherited the much sought-after traits of a high calyx-to-leaf ratio, an aromatic sweetness and great-looking crops from its Skunky parent, while Big Bud, not surprisingly, has contributed a very heavy budding trait that means your Green Spirit nugs will be heavier than a lump of coal and more sparkly than a diamond. Whilst growing, your Green Spirit plants will show some beautifully deep green leaves that are as wide as your hand, and a height, at the end of the vegetative stage, of a couple of feet on average. Be aware, though, that this strain can more than double its height in the flowering stage, so if you have a limited amount of space you may want to force flowering early on rather than having a Little Shop of Horrors situation right before harvest! After 9 weeks of flowering, you'll be completely ready to chop, and your yield will be in the mid range but will be up the top of the scale in terms of quality.

Dutch Passion, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Big Bud x Skunk #1

Potency: THC 5.9%

For connoisseurs of anything, subtlety is key. There's nothing fancy about a plate of BBQ wings, nor a glass of oversweet box wine, just like there's nothing fancy about a Kush that tastes bitter and oily but not much else. This strain is a true connoisseur's strain, with complex notes of sweet but mild flavors and an aftertaste that lingers beautifully. The high, too, is vivid and buzzy, but will not hit you like a brick in the face or lay you out for hours. This stone is a creeper, and a lingerer; it will slowly overtake you before you even notice and will stay, sitting with you like a patient friend, until it knows it has overstayed its welcome, and then it will clean up before it leaves. After a few bong rips of this, when you're flying nicely as a hot-air balloon and covered in smoke, your friends will definitely be saying, "Man, he smells like Green Spirit." Wink wink.



Hanis

There's a buzz in the air in Colorado at the moment, and that buzz is about breeder Tierra Rojo's new venture, Newhouse Seeds. If you haven't smoked their Red Headed Stranger or toured their labyrinthine grow facility, Hanis might be the first contact you have with them – and what a first contact! She is currently clone only, but may be released in seed form in the future.

This strain combines the genetic lines of a Purple Pheno of Kunduz Afghani, a Pre-98 Bubba Kush and a 1994 Positronics Haze. Originally bred outside in the red ground of Texas, this debuted in the Colorado medical scene in 2008 and has since proven to be something of a toker favorite. The Haze parent adds vigor and a variation in structure to the Bubba-like crops. During the 70 days of flowering the Haze genetics kick in and stretch the plant to twice its original height, and you'll notice the super-glue-like smell of the 1994 Positronics Haze around your grow room, too. Supercrop your Hanis plants for the best results, and expose them to temperatures below 75° for some beautiful coloration and a more narcotic effect.

Expect a chemical, gluey aroma that tastes like hash then explodes into a racy, uplifting high early on in the smoke, then relaxes into a body stone later on and won't go away. You'll be talking about Hanis for weeks!

Newhouse Seeds by Tierra Rojo, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Kunduz Afghani (Purple Pheno) x (Pre-98 Bubba Kush x 1994 Positronics Haze)

Potency: THC 17%

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Hash Lover

I'd like to think that this is what the people in the pot circles of the UK call me, but instead, it's the name of a Freedom of Seeds strain hailing from Britain that will have people like me lining up at the doors of the country, begging to get in and get high. The Freedom breeders brought together the Hash Plant and Northern Lights #1 lines for this resinous beauty, and even reading that sentence brings tears of joy to my red eyes, such is the conceptual awesomeness of such a meeting of strains. Thankfully, unlike other conceptually brilliant things that sound so good on paper, it doesn't disappoint in the flesh either – yes, Alien vs. Predator, I'm looking at you.

A heavy indica-dominant plant that is perfect for anyone interested in making some stellar-grade hash with buds that are almost literally dripping with resin, Hash Lover more than lives up to the hype that its name creates. A pleasant surprise to the Hash Lover grower is the fact that this is a particularly fast plant, finishing in just 50 days of flowering indoors, and relatively quickly outdoors, too. Most growers will find it easier and more convenient to cultivate a Hash Lover crop indoors, although it is suitable for both environments if you really love to grow under the natural sunlight. An average yield for this strain runs between 90 and 120 grams per plant, although very talented growers might squeeze a little more out of the larger plants. This is not a particularly difficult strain, and should be suitable for all levels of grower, but old-time growers will enjoy the challenge of wringing every last little drop of resin out of their crop. And trust me; there'll be enough resin to make the extra effort more than worthwhile. These fat little nugs look like they're made of resin from the inside, with the stuff bursting out at the seams and leaking through the cracks, like little pods of glistening beauty. In reality, of course, this isn't the case – but the quality of the hash you'll make after harvest will more than make up for that!

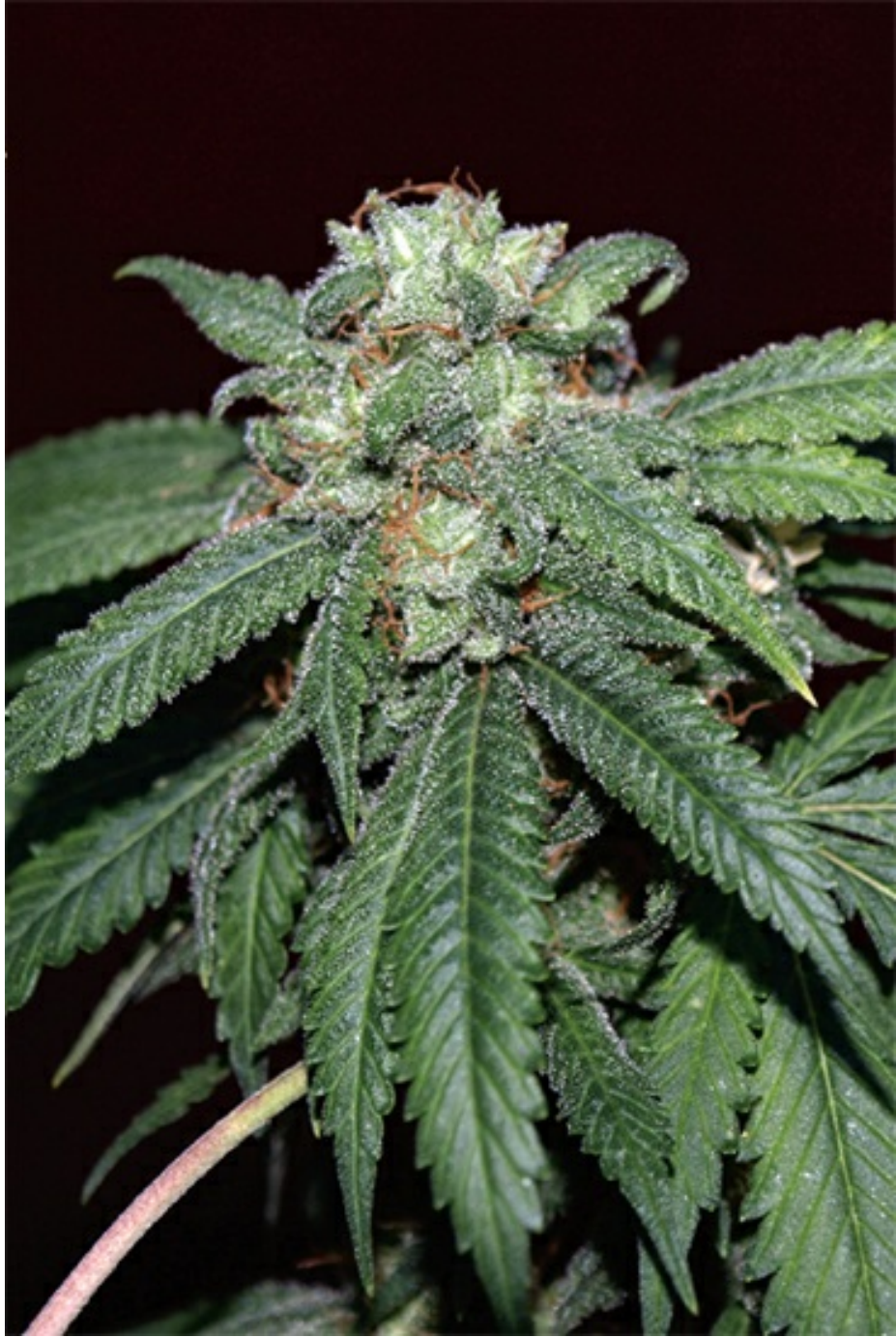
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Hash Plant x Northern Lights #1

Potency: THC 15%

freedomofseeds.com

Whether you're going with a giant hunk of homemade hash or just going old school with a doobie, the high of Hash Lover is deep, thick and beautifully pleasant. The hash-y taste is very obvious, and the stone will roll itself out into a long-lasting, dreamy experience whether you're using it for pain medication or not. The body stone is one that will particularly help medical patients, but of course it's not limited to medical use! New smokers might find that the body buzz is on the heavier side for them. A plant for true cannabis connoisseurs.



Herijuana

The very name Herijuana strikes fear into the hearts of many stoners, not just because it sounds very much like the kind of thing that could land you in a lot of trouble (and not just with the law), but because those who've smoked it have felt the devastating effect that it produces, and those who haven't smoked it have heard the many pot folk tales of white outs, freak outs and stone outs that unassuming tokers have had the (mis)fortune to experience. The effects of this strain have passed into legend quicker than Charlie Sheen's cocaine madness, and the tales of what it does to a grown man will still be circulating when Carlos Estévez's crack rocks and hooker exploits seem passé. Reportedly grown from two American outdoor strains, Herijuana is a true cannabis legend and deserves every single bit of the reputation that it has.

A mostly indica strain with just a hint of sativa, a crop of Herijuana will be mostly uniform, but will be noticeable for its vigor and its incredible amount of side branching. The flowering period lasts between 8 and 10 weeks, and those looking for the heaviest possible stone are well advised to leave it to the very last moment possible. The stench of these plants in flowering will be so heavy you'll almost be able to see a cloud of stink in your grow room, so get some good ventilation on the go. Every single bud on this plant will be rock hard, to the extent that you could probably throw it at someone's head and give them a minor concussion. Don't do that, though. It's a waste of buds.

Woodhorse Seeds, Canada and Motarebel, grown by SickMeds Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Herijuana IBL

sickmeds.com

meduser.ca

This is a strain that's built for the long-term cannabis user in mind, as its strength and longevity will make even a 40-year toker feel like a weak kitten again. Just one toke on this powerhouse of a strain can send lesser men running (okay, meandering) for cover, while anyone who can get through an entire vapor bag will be hoisted onto shoulders and paraded through grow rooms as the most BadAss of Tokers that ever did live. Users who have not been previously initiated into the world of Herijuana, or those who have less than a hundred bong hits under their belts, however, would be best advised to take it easy, as it is extremely easy to become very quickly overwhelmed. If you like that, however, you're your boots! Medical users in particular will fall head over heels in love with Herijuana, as it takes chronic pain and smashes it into pieces quicker than a Hollywood action hero crashes through a plate glass window and emerges inexplicably unharmed.



Honeydew

If you Whish upon a star tonight, you might wake up to find that one of Canada's best seed companies has deposited a crop of their fantastic Honeydew plants right into your grow room. If this miracle does occur, call your friends right away because this balanced hybrid that tips slightly towards indica dominance is a true beauty!

The parent strains of the wonderful Mazar-i-Sharif and Cinderella 99 come together to make this medium plant which can grow up to 7 feet outdoors and finishes after 70 days of flowering. It grows happily in the most natural set up, so an organic soil grow will make this crop the best it can be. The heavy side branching makes this a good strain for a SOG set up, and growers should be aware that densely packed branches make this plant prone to mildew. Heavy watering and fertilizing (with good drainage a necessity) is the preferred feeding style, and if you treat Honeydew right you can expect to bring in an incredibly heavy harvest. These buds take a while to trim, but the result will be more than worth it.

Flavors of tropical fruit and hash will slide into a mellow, pain-relieving high that hits both the body and the head with the same amount of strength. A great medical strain for those with more than one condition, Honeydew is a fantastic new strain that's worth some attention!

Whish Seeds, Canada

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Mazar-I-Sharif x Cinderella 99

Potency: THC 17%

whish-seeds.com





HSO Bubba Kush

For about the first 3 years of my smoking life, I was mishearing the name of this strain. Maybe it was because I was forced to watch Forrest Gump a few too many times in my childhood, but when I was around 16 I could have sworn blind that this strain was called Bubba Gump. Bubba Kush is one of those strains that seems to have a million variants kicking around, but it would be naïve to assume that all these Bubbas are created equal. It would not, however, be naïve to assume that a Bubba Kush created by a collective of breeders working out of Humboldt County in Northern California would be one of the bombest Bubba's you've ever smoked. Because it is.

This girl is a pure indica strain manipulated in a glorious manner by the Humboldt Seed Organisation, whose combined years of experience all but ensures that anything they touch will turn to pure gold. Developed totally organically, this plant grows best in that same type of environment but can be cultivated both indoors and outdoors to wonderful effect. For medical use, an organic grow is recommended, and anyone who appreciates the taste and smell of their pot just as much as the high is also advised to eschew chemicals for this strain. A short, bushy plant with a very short flowering time, this Bubba Kush is an indoor grower's wet dream. Not only is it quite resistant to bugs and the occasional grower mistake, this plant doesn't require anything special from you and will just happily plod along when (mainly) left to its own devices. If you choose to take a more hands-on approach, be sure to leave enough room around each seedling when it's planted, or you'll find that the wide growth will leave you stuck around the front of the plant with no space to get around the back and check what's going on there. The crops will be uniform and beautiful; wide leaves, short internodal spacing and an incredibly strong structure mean that this could go in the dictionary next to the word "indica." A textbook case.

Humboldt Seed Organisation, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Pure Indica

Potency: THC 16%

humboldtseeds.co.uk

Once your sweet-smelling Bubba buds are trimmed, dried and cured, they'll be almost begging to be smoked, so delicious is the aroma of the nugs once they're ready. Even when you're not in the same room as your stash, they'll be a-teasing your taste buds like a fat cake sitting on the windowsill. Be prepared for a heavy stone that's as narcotic as they come, and set your alarm for the morning because this one will put you straight to sleep. You'll most certainly have dreams of Lieutenant Dan, ping pong and shrimp fishing on the bayou, but just try not to go sleep-running too far.



i3 (AKA Citrus Smoothie)

The name of Roor usually has teenage potheads either crying quietly into their substandard bong, thinking of what could be, or running desperately to the nearest glassware store to hand over their hard-earned cash for a piece the size of their big brother that they have to stand on a stepladder to smoke from. Roor have been making premium-quality glass for so long that they've been the gold standard since before I can remember. However, now they're branching out into strains with a fantastic collaboration with Shantibaba, one of the best breeders to have graced the cannabis scene in practically ever. It's about to get a whole lot more Roor up in here!

Also known as Citrus Smoothie in some parts of the world, i3 is the lovechild of two of California's most famous strains: a Grapefruit and an ever-popular OG Kush. As you might expect from a meeting of these two worlds, i3 is a great yielder with the levels of quality that true connoisseurs expect. i3 plants will be very indica-looking ladies; stout, bushy plants with a little bit of a stretch but nothing that should worry an indoor grower – or for that matter, an outdoor grower who isn't all that tall. This is especially good for a SOG set up indoors, although you should ensure that you clear the underbrush to allow for larger colas up top. i3 also does well in a hydro set up and if you do everything right, you can harvest a week earlier in a hydro system than you would in any other type. Whatever set up you use, you will need to invest in a good ventilation and filtering system to combat the huge odor coming from the ripe plants, delicious though it will be. Imagine a pineapple smoothie that's had a liberal squeeze of fresh lemon juice put in it, and you'll be just about at the right aroma for i3. Indoor growers can harvest between 300 and 400 grams of bud per square yard, and outdoor growers can expect around the same yield per plant. The flowering time will be 9 weeks and it's recommended to wait until around 10% of the pistils are amber. This will give you the clearest and most enjoyable high – and the most bang for your buck!

Roor Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Grapefruit x OG Kush

Potency: THC 15%

roorseeds.nl

If you've remembered to flush your crops well in the last 10 days, you should be able to enjoy a clear and fruity smoke with a high to match. You feel like you're coasting through glass waters with this one, as the clarity and uplifting energy are almost razor sharp; feelings like this aren't often found in indica-dominant strains. Like Roor's other products, i3 doesn't disappoint. This is one for the connoisseurs.



Intense Skunk

Ah, De Sjamaan, you get me every time. Just when I think I know what your seed company is about, I find a new strain that just blows me away; I think I know your style and then you come up with a new one altogether. You're as slippery as a freshly caught trout and just as delicious, too.

De Sjamaan is synonymous with genius, and this cross between an unknown Skunk and an old, classic Afghani Hash Plant is exactly the type of high-quality hybrid that they love to put out. As a high producer, it's a great choice for both commercial and specialist growers looking for some killer genetics to breed with. This plant gives incredibly uniform crops, and with expert TLC can finish with crystalline buds as big as your fist. Even newbie growers will find this one a doddle, and after 48 days of flowering, they'll be harvesting up to 125 grams of prime bud per square yard of grow space. The 5-foot height means indoor growers don't have to miss out, either!

As the name suggests, this strain is pretty damn intense – and pretty damn Skunky! Inexperienced tokers would be well advised to have a glass of freshly-squeezed orange juice and a sugary snack ready, just in case. Veteran tokers, however, will love the melting sensation that Intense Skunk gives as well as its earthy taste!

De Sjamaan, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Unknown Skunk x Afghani Hash Plant

Potency: THC 17%

sjamaan.com





K2

I'm personally a big fan of Homegrown Fantaseeds' stuff, not least because I get a cheap little giggle every time I read their company name, and we all know that I love a cheap little giggle. This company took the reins of the much-lauded Positronics stock when the Dutch company, who ran the first grow shop ever to sell seeds, were looking to hand over much of their genetic catalog. Thankfully for us growers and tokers, such a rich collection of strains was not allowed to fall into hands that were less than phenomenally talented, and ten years after the fact, Homegrown Fantaseeds have had a blast breeding with these amazing genetics. One of the results of this decade of experiment is K2, a beautiful indica-dominant from the Hindu Kush family, named after the world's second highest mountain on the Pakistan border with China.

A White Widow and Hindu Kush genetic combination, K2 was specifically created to improve upon the THC level of the White Widow while hanging on to the sought-after growth patterns of the compact and hardy Hindu Kush. Indoor growers in particular will appreciate the efforts of the Homegrown Fantaseeds breeders in this regard, as White Widow plants can often be a little too wild to grow easily anywhere but outdoors. As it stands, K2 is a fantastic choice for an indoor grow as it won't exhibit the stretch of some other, more sativa-dominant White Widow crosses and therefore will keep to a manageable height when grown inside. If you choose to grow this strain in a greenhouse, you'll be treated to a veritable beauty of a plant that eventually gives you a seriously good yield. This is a relatively quick plant, finishing in around 8 weeks from the beginning of the flowering period, and thanks to the Hindu Kush genetic influence you can expect your nugs to be both dense and sparkly, and covered in bright trichomes that seem to shimmer in the sun. In fact, they'll look almost snow covered – like the tip of K2 itself.

Homegrown Fantaseeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow x Hindu Kush

Potency: THC 16%

[**homegrown-fantaseeds.com**](http://homegrown-fantaseeds.com)

If you're a fan of plants that stink to high hell this strain is not for you, as the aroma of K2 buds is a delicate and interesting one; there's no Skunky stench around these buds. The taste, too, is both gentle and sweet with no overpowering flavor, allowing you to really savor the mixture of tastes. The stone, too, is somewhat mellow, although it leans to the side of the body stone much more heavily than towards a head high. This is a mature smoke, in that it doesn't scream "LOOK AT ME!" but quietly slips you into a beautiful state of consciousness without making a fuss.



K.O. Kush F4

Sannie's Seeds from Holland have a wide and dedicated following the world over. If you get enough stoners and growers in a room, eventually Sannie's Seeds will come up in conversation and their name will be met with a general murmur of appreciation, then a conversation about everyone's favorite strain. Although Sannie's Herijuana is the clear winner in many conversations, K.O. Kush is a name that always comes up when more experienced tokers are involved, as its blend of more earthy genetics appeals to those who love down-to-earth strains and its incredibly heavy stone is enjoyed by all us wasters who love to get dribble-down-your-own-chin blasted!

Herijuana is a strain that's become synonymous with huge effects; ask anyone what the strongest smoke they've ever had is and they'll more than likely say Herijuana. As the parent plant for K.O. Kush, the 'destroyer' was blended with some Killa Kush designed to bring a unique taste and a slightly milder effect to the incredibly potent parent plant. The breeders responsible for this fantastic genetic background were, of course, the wonderfully talented Motarebel and the guys at Woodhorse Seeds, who know more than a thing or two about Herijuana. The two most outstanding plants of both genetic lines were selected for this union, and this strain is an F4 version of the original. A medium-sized plant able to be grown both indoors and out, K.O. Kush works particularly well in a SOG, which will maximize the use of space and help to get the largest yield possible at the end of the 8-week flowering period. It loves its food, so feed it well, but be aware of over-watering as this will stunt production in the end. Even if you don't subject this plant to extremes of cold, you'll notice the beautiful purple hues coming through towards the end of the flowering period as well as the spicy Kush aroma filling the air. This is a fantastic strain to clone as it practically begs you to take some cuttings from it, and these cuttings tend to have a great rate of success even if you don't treat them perfectly. Indoor growers can expect to harvest up to 500 grams per square yard of grow space – and man, make sure you hold on to that stash because these buds will be like gold dust.

Sannie's Seeds, Holland

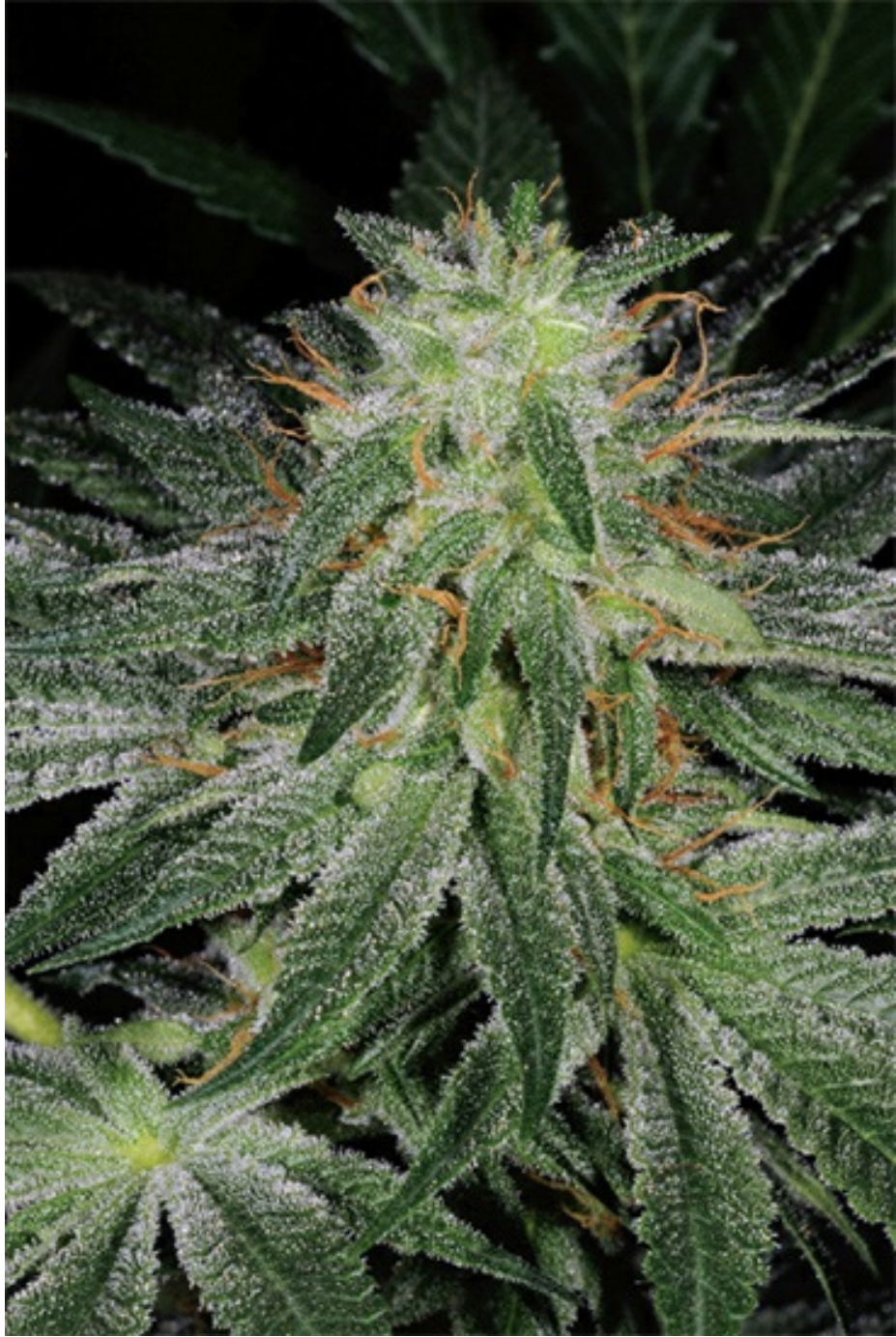
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Killa Kush x Herijuana IBL

Potency: THC 24%

sanniesshop.com

A Kush taste with hints of heat and spice will give way to what I can only describe as a nuclear bomb of a stone. Annihilation, domination – call it what you will, this kind of effect is one that sits even the biggest, baddest tokers on their asses and gives them a little telling off.



Kandahar Landrace

Russia's Gibrudov breeders are masters of the landrace game, with years of experience maintaining and cataloging these fabulous examples of untamed marijuana spirit. This Kandahar Landrace comes straight from Kandahar City, one of the best areas for cannabis production in the whole of Afghanistan – and trust me, Gibrudov should know.

Imagine a field full of mini Christmas trees, and you've just imagined a Kandahar Landrace grow. This natural growing style has been deliberately maintained by the breeders, who love its resin production and fat, dark leaves almost as much as I do. This pure indica will be a treat for all experienced growers who like the challenge of original genetics, and its exceptionally short flowering will no doubt gain it a legion of followers, too. While it's not the biggest yielder, the quality of this bud means that it's worth pounds and pounds of lesser pot – and that's no exaggeration.

We all suffer from thinking we're the biggest badasses to ever have smoked pot, but if you know anyone who is particularly arrogant about their tolerance, give them a bong hit of this. When baked into a double chocolate brownie it's great fun, but when smoked, it's a destroyer; a total smackdown that will leave you reeling for hours and not let go. In my house, we call it the Humble Maker. And it will leave you humble.

Gibrudov, Russia

Pure Indica (Afghanica)

Genetics: Landrace Afghani

Potency: THC 12%

gibrudov.net





Kick Ass

If you haven't heard of Dr. Grow, then you soon will (well, I guess immediately, since you're reading this review). Another company out of Spain, the country voted "Most Likely To Put Out The Biggest Amount Of Amazing Seed Companies" in the 1979 global high school yearbook, Dr. Grow puts out high-quality feminized seeds that are grown totally organically – and not just for the quality of the seeds, but for the sake of the environment too. All together now: awwww!

Yet there's more to this strain than its wholly natural growing environment; if that alone ensured amazingness, then Amish kids would be the most popular kids in the country. No, Kickass is so named because it's a variety of Big White Skunk that would hold its own alongside many of the most classic Skunk strains and surpass even more. As a Nepali cross, it encompasses the genetics used in Vulkania Seeds' fantastic strain Babylonia Fruit, and brings together some strong hallucinogenic properties as well as a great body buzz.

Both outdoor and indoor growers can enjoy a Kickass grow, and as an indica-dominant plant this one won't cause any major hassle even if your grow space is a little on the small side. Even closet growers will find that the compact structure of this strain is one they can quite easily work with. It's not only small, but it's quick, too, with a flowering period of 55 days making it one for the impatient amongst us (that's most definitely me). An organic grow will always be the best option when dealing with wholly organic seeds, and you'll also get the best flavors and tastes by avoiding any nasty chemicals. While your Kickass yield won't be the fattest you've ever brought in, it will be one of the most impressive, as the buds pack a strong high and bring an experience that you'll never forget.

Dr. Grow's Fem Seeds, Spain
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Big White Skunk x Nepali

Potency: THC 19.7%

drgrow.es

The high THC percentage of this strain will make it a favorite of many medical users as well as all of us tokers who're looking for a cannabis strain that can truly open our minds and take us to the next level. If you're tired of couch locking indicas that do nothing more to your brain than making it feel hungry, then this strain is definitely one to seek out. These buds bring a very euphoric effect, making it very useful for those who are looking for a therapeutic medication. If you're not careful, Kickass might turn you into the superhero of the same name, and you'll revert to being an idealistic teenager in a Lycra suit that's too tight for anyone with body fat to get away with.



Kohiba Black

Not to be confused with an especially dark version of the premium cigar brand Cohiba, Kohiba Black is in fact a very interesting indica-dominant hybrid from the USA's Bodhi Seeds. While Bodhi Seeds might still feel like one of those underground bands from your hometown that not many people know about but all the cool kids talk about all the time, they're actually becoming one of the most well-respected seed companies in the U.S. – and that's due in no small part to the consistent quality of strains like this one. A variation of Deep Funk, which is a Deep Chunk (from Hill Temple Collective and worked from Tom Hill stock) and a Sour Diesel IBL from Reservoir Seeds circa early 2006, Kohiba Black is the sort of shit you hide from your friends because you know they'll like it too much, and one day you'll wake up to find all your stash has been smoked. Sure, it's a dick move, but this strain is good enough to lose a few friends for!

Created as a one-off breeding project that involved a Deep Chunk mother plant that was particularly spicy, hashy and purple, Deep Funk quickly showed that it held a lot more potential than your regular breeding experiment. Growing quickly and with greater strength than the usual Deep Chunk cross, this became a favorite and seemed to merit some more work. Deep Funk eventually gave rise to a prized clone procured by the Bodhi Seeds crew, which in turn morphed into the Kohiba Black strain. Sharing the same growing structure as Deep Funk but with a little more stretch, these plants can get a little taller than other Deep Chunk varieties and you should plant the seeds or clones with this in mind. Though work has been done to stabilize this strain and make it more rugged, it still is sensitive to certain changes in grow situation and it needs lots of light to really perform. Some good quality soil and an easy feed will allow the plant to flourish without subjecting it to too many variables, and it's then that you'll see its gorgeous traits and fantastic buds.

Bodhi Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Deep Funk (Deep Chunk x Sour Diesel IBL circa 2006)

Potency: THC 18.9%

breedbay.co.uk

cannabis-seeds-bank.co.uk

While these buds aren't black in the strictest sense of the word, they're certainly darker than many other purple strains and exhibit the kind of rare beauty you get from a black rose or a dark blue tulip; you can't help but look at them. Big, dank and utterly funky, it's hard to get these near your face without shoving them all into your mouth; but settle in with a clean bong and a night to kill and you'll see what all the fuss is about.



Koma

Jamaica Seeds, who are confusingly based in Spain, have hit the stoner experience right on the head with the name of this interesting blend of Indian, Congolese, Afghani and Jamaican cannabis genetics (including the celebrated Lemon Kobra). If you haven't heard of the Lemon parent strain, it's probably because this company is dedicated to keeping old-school genetics alive and well and growing in organic conditions.

This strain, also known in some circles as Brain Damage, is an incredibly balanced genetic mix that leans just slightly over to the indica-dominant side, and as such, would be suited more to the experienced grower who can truly appreciate its complex nature. Having said that, Koma can be cultivated indoors, outdoors or even in a greenhouse, and its flowering time sits at a short 60 days. Outdoor growers can expect to harvest around the middle of October, and to bring in an incredibly heavy crop thanks to the influence of the Lemon Kobra, which is known to be a particularly good yielder.

The high of Koma will do exactly what it says on the tin; it will put you right out, in mind and body! Tune your TV to a good channel and put some Cheetos nearby because you're not going to be going anywhere for a while – and you might feel like you've lost a few brain cells when you do wake up. Don't worry; it's okay. I think.

Jamaica Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Indian / Congolese x Afghani / Jamaican

Potency: THC 20%

jamaicaseeds.com





Kuchi

No, this isn't the gross nickname that your formerly respected best friend just called his new girlfriend on Facebook – it's a fantastic strain from Holland's Devil's Harvest Seeds. This company was created with the single desire to make new strains that would kick sleepy stoners in the head and make them wake up with delight, and once you've taken your first toke on Kuchi you'll find it hard to say that they've failed. A cross between the original Cheese and an OG Kush from the San Fernando Valley, this strain brings a new twist to some otherwise seemingly static genetics.

Using the original Cheese as the mother plant and the OG Kush as the dad, this strain can consider itself to be borne of some prime breeding stock. The Kush reins in the sativa traits in terms of growing, leaving you with a more indica-type plant that's suitable for smaller spaces as well as outdoor grow ops. Although an organic soil grow will allow you to get the very best of the exquisite flavor from this plant, commercial cultivators might want to try a more intensive set up for the very maximum yields. Growers keen to try this plant in a SOG set up should work with around 20 plants per square yard. If your growing experience is as limited as your grow space, then this also might be a great choice for you; forgiving and easy to handle, this plant is a super yielder even in small areas. It's also very adaptable to your particular needs. While it's ready at 8 weeks for those tokers who love a sweet flavor from their pot, it can also be left until week 10 of flowering for a real serious kick to the head. If you prefer something in between, try harvesting at 9 weeks. Whenever you decide to chop, you can expect a serious yield of between 750 and 1000 grams per square yard of grow space. This is one fantastic yielder!

Devil's Harvest Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Cheese x SFV OG Kush

Potency: THC 21%

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Unlike some other strains that yield heavy but don't pack a punch, Kuchi is a heavyweight in both senses. If you harvest early in the maturity window, you'll experience a sickly sweet toke with a nice, relaxing body buzz. If you choose to go all the way, expect a more complex taste and a very heavy stone. Your body will already be weak from bringing in the monster harvest, but when you try your first 'tester toke' you'll be jelly from your head to your toes. Even the Amsterdam stoners say that this strain is "strong as fuck," and you know if the Dutch like it, it's got some mad power.



Kush #1

In this day and age, there are so many Kushes, Kush crosses and even Kush imitators that it's impossible to have a smoking career that's longer than about a week before coming across one or another of them. Everyone knows Kush, most of them love it, and it's still the strain that most dealers say they're holding, even if they know it's actually some shit bagweed that's been pressed into the shape of a Rubik's Cube. In this Kush-saturated market, though, there are still some Kushes worth giving a damn about, and TreeTown Seeds' Kush #1 is one of them. With a genetic family tree that covers Hindu Kush and Afghani #1, both from Sensi Seeds, combined with the nearly two decades of experience that the breeders at TreeTown have, you know that this plant is going to go above and beyond most, if not all, of the Kushes you've ever smoked.

Designed to be a combination of the best indicas in the world, Kush #1 was created with a couple of specific goals in mind: to eliminate the tendency to mold that Kushes are often known for and to add a more dense trichome covering. The Afghani #1 father plant was chosen with these ideals in mind, and this F1 shows that the breeders at TreeTown are more than capable of achieving such lofty goals in just one generation. The vigor of Kush #1 plants will take your breath away, and might also cause a bit of a space situation; be aware that these will shoot up and outwards quickly and when you plant them, ensure that they've got plenty of room around them to pop out into. The breeders recommend that you place no more than 12 plants in a 170 square foot space. This is a hungry and thirsty strain that will gobble up as much water and fertilizer as you care to give it, all the way to harvest. It won't grow much beyond 4 feet and will enjoy tight internodal spacing and a heavy yield, and most impressively, will be fully finished in just 57 days from seed. Your plants will be far less susceptible to mold than their other Kush cousins, making your yields higher when you don't lose buds to the dreaded rot.

TreeTown Seeds, USA

Pure Indica

Genetics: Hindu Kush (Sensi Seeds) x Afghani #1 (Sensi Seeds) F1

Potency: THC 15.68%

treetownseeds.com

harborsidehealth-center.com

This strain still carries the chocolate brownie flavors of its mother strain as well as the dark, bitter flavor of its daddy. A hint of Skunk will touch your tongue just as the very heavy, thick stone sets into your body and you realize that you're probably not going to move for at least a couple of hours. If only all pot brownies tasted as good as this strain, we'd never eat anything else.



LA Cheese

If you are looking for a source of consistently high-quality strains, then Holland's Reserva Privada is your company. Though based in the Netherlands, this company is comprised of a collective of West Coast breeders who've got more experience growing pot than you've got experience aimlessly surfing the web. To preserve the most fantastic genetics from their native area, these guys work with a lot of heirloom West Coast strains and superior strains of the last thirty years. With LA Cheese, they've brought together two lines that everyone knows and loves: LA Confidential and Exodus Cheese (Skunk #1 cut). You certainly can't go wrong working with genetics like that.

This strain expresses a few different phenotypes that express some variance in growing style. Whilst some will be short like the LA Confidential, and bushy to boot, others will exhibit a little more stretch and a desire to grow up there with the big boys, more like the Exodus Cheese. All phenotypes, however, will be fully mature between 8 and 9 weeks after flowering begins, which is about average for a balanced hybrid. You can grow this plant in whatever kind of system you prefer, but if you decide to grow indoors please be aware that this will stink to high hell. As with all Cheese strains, it has a very distinct odor that you're not going to be able to pass off as a lingering fart. Invest in some good carbon filters and keep people away from your grow room towards the end of flowering. You can expect a yield of around 350-500 grams per square yard of grow room, but the breeders recommend a special technique for those who'd prefer to have yields towards the heavier end of the scale. For the best possible harvest, veg LA Cheese for 2 to 3 weeks from clone, and pinch the plants to encourage side branching so that the plants grow into more of a bushy shape; you don't want to waste any potential bud energy on growing tall!

Reserva Privada, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: LA Confidential x Exodus Cheese

Potency: THC 17%

dnagenetics.com

As Cheese-like as your finished and cured buds will smell, get ready for a head-fuck as the resulting smoke is actually pretty sweet and delicious. As the candy smoke clears, though, you might come to realize that someone has placed you within a force field of thick air and strong gravity; you can't hear right and you sure as hell can't lift yourself further away from the ground. This is normal. LA Cheese isn't just for those who love stinky-ass plants and a killer stone. This is actually a fantastic medicinal strain, especially for patients who have trouble sleeping, constant pain and eating disorders.



Lemon Bud

I have professed my love for De Sjamaan on many occasions, not least of all when my red-eyed self has been dribbling around someone's living room trying to be coherent and instead sounding like a particularly sloppy Pug dog warbling in Dutch. For some reason, I often get passed off as the village idiot on these occasions. However, when everyone else gets a taste of this sweet Lemon Bud from the De Sjamaan breeding facility, they quickly change their opinion of me from babbling fool to speaker of the ultimate truth: De Sjamaan breed some damn good weed. They are an old school Dutch company that has rock solid genetics and a rock solid reputation in the business. This strain has plenty of terpenes, especially limonene which gives it that lemon smell and taste!

Bred from a great White Widow plant and the Big Bud family, this strain is a great choice for new growers as well as those who've been growing for most of their adult lives. Because this strain is quite a strong one, you can plant your seedlings straight into pots when they're still very small, rather than waiting for them to reach a certain height before transplanting; just make sure that the soil you place them in is of the highest quality. The crop will be sturdy, strong and look like a force to be reckoned with, which is useful if any would-be-thieves take a look into your grow room and mistakenly think it's filled with tiny warriors. Lemon Bud won't grow beyond 6 feet indoors, but might reach a little higher if grown out in the wilderness in good conditions. When Lemon Bud blooms, it blooms with flowers that look and feel like they're made of silk, and just when you think that they've reached their maximum size, they'll experience another growth spurt towards the end of flowering.

De Sjamaan Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow x Big Bud

The hues of deep green, olive green, orange and yellow will make your grow room into a cacophony of color, while the smell they give off will be a spicy, sweet one that reminds you of the candy stores of your youth combined with the dank of the college smoking areas when you used to light up between classes. It's almost as if the smell is taking you through a sensory timeline of your life! The taste, when you get around to it, is that of pure lemon drops, the sweet, citrusy candy that everyone's Grandma used to have at their house. These lemon treats won't just give you a sugar high though; they'll give your body a buzz and envelope your head in a clear, energizing high that will have you bouncing around as much as your stoned body will let you. A great taste and a great effect that will leave you feeling like a kid again.



Lost Coast OG

Imagine you were coming to the U.S. for the first time. It's all new to you; the cabs, the huge portions, the cars that are bigger than some people's houses. It's confusing, but all you're after is some of that killer West Coast weed that you've heard so much about. There are songs written about it, movies made about it; you just want a little bit of that sickly sweet dank. But where do you go to find it? The Emerald Triangle, of course.

Just as any strain coming out of the Triangle is bound to be of quality, any strain coming out of the grow rooms of Emerald Triangle Seeds is bound to be worth a toke or two. In the case of Lost Coast OG, it's likely to be a little more than a single toke, as this hybrid brings together the lines of Pakistani Kush, Lemon Thai and the wonderful ChemDawg #4 and shows exactly why California is famous for its pot. If you're lucky enough to grow this plant you can expect to see wide internodal spacing that's filled on all sides by glorious buds. Lost Coast OG exhibits phenomenally rapid growth, meaning that if you're working in a limited space you should induce flowering earlier on to keep your plants at a manageable size. The Emerald Triangle breeders recommend cultivating this plant in a trellis set up to provide additional support for the large colas as they come into maturity, and if you can provide slightly cooler temperatures of around 75° F for your babies they will reward you well. Flowering should last from 8 to 9 weeks, around the end of September for outdoor growers, and the yield will be one that you can be more than proud of. Lost Coast OG buds will be veritable golf balls of pot; large, round and almost white with crystals. If you're not careful you might forget what they are and whip them away to your next round on the greens.

Emerald Triangle Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: (Pakistani Kush x Lemon Thai) x ChemDawg #4

Potency: THC 16%

emeraldtriangle-seeds.co.uk

If you're a new smoker, you might very well fall head over heels with this strain, especially if you're partial to being near-unconscious on your living room floor with drool escaping from the corner of your mouth. If you're not so hot on the total body debilitation, go easy with it and you should coast through beautifully. Even veteran smokers will love Lost Coast OG, because it comes at you like a boot in the face and leaves you laid out on the floor for a good long while after, even if you've smoked every day since you were old enough to roll. The smoke tastes of bitter lemons crossed with that inimitable Kush flavor, and the balanced and affecting high is one that every smoker will love. A true slice of California's amazing cannabis scene in every single toke.



Maffy Gold

The Royal Canadian Marijuana Collective might not be Queen-approved, as they'd like you to believe, but they do some excellent work with fantastic strains up in the Great White North when they're not watching hockey or eating poutine. Their Limestone City Seeds company hails from Ontario, and are currently bringing together their fifteen years of growing and breeding experience to release their thousands of amassed strains to the public one by one. These strains, or at least what we've seen of the collection so far, are so far outside of the box that it's hard to see them; their Maffy Gold is a blend of Mighty Amstel Freeze and Guerilla Gold #5, both legendary strains in anyone's mind. They say it's always the quiet ones; maybe we should be keeping more of an eye on what those Canadians are doing north of the border!

As you might imagine from its native climate, this Maffy Gold is a plant that can sustain itself well in a colder environment, even when the temperatures plummet at the end of the season. For this reason, these plants are meant for the outdoors only, as they'll be stifled inside and they don't like the comfort or warmth anyway. I wish I could see these guys growing in the Canadian snow, as the setting would befit the Christmas-tree shape of these crops as well as proving their ability to grow almost anywhere. Topping out at about 3 feet tall and flowering with spear-shaped buds, these are gorgeous plants that will make you fall in love. If you can believe such figures, the average yield is 2 ounces per plant when guerilla growing, but if your conditions are ideal, you might get as much as a quarter pound or more. It's like all my Christmases, Hanukkahs and birthdays have come at once.

**Limestone City Seeds of the Royal Canadian Marijuana Collective,
Canada**

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Mighty Amstel Freeze x Guerilla Gold #5

Potency: THC 18%
rcmcollective.ca

Once you've recovered from the bad back that hauling in your giant harvest will give you, you'll be glad to pack a pipe of this strain. Maffy Gold buds might smell light and delicate, but the resulting stone packs a very intense punch to the body that medical users will love. If you need a pain reliever, this is your guy. This strain will stimulate your appetite and get rid of your nausea, or, if you prefer, will make you feel like your body has been somehow covered in a force field that won't allow you to move. This is a grower's strain that tokers too will love, and it shows what amazing work can be done with the simple combination of amazing genetics and crazy awesome talent.



Maple Leaf Indica

Sensi Seeds need no introduction. No, seriously. Stop looking at me, you're not going to get one. There's a damn Sensi Seeds fridge magnet in my kitchen and they have their own stamps in the Netherlands; you really don't need me to tell you who they are. You might, however, not know all that much about their Maple Leaf Indica, which, despite it being a fantastic strain derived from a real landrace Mazar-i-Sharif, seems to have slipped under the radar compared to some of their more popular strains. This is a bit of a travesty, but I'm going to work hard to spread the word about this beauty. Just grab your notebooks and we'll do a little learning.

The ancestors of Maple Leaf Indica escaped from Afghanistan just before the Soviets invaded and everything went a bit dark. These bad boys were admired throughout the whole of the country, and when the seeds that would become this strain fell into the hands of a breeder, he made it his life's work to preserve such amazing genetics. The Maple Leaf Indica that resulted is a testament to the quality of those Mazar-i-Sharif genetics; a pure indica that loves growing outdoors and takes care of itself better than most young men in their twenties. Also like many from the younger generation, it favors a warm climate and long, sunny days that seem like they're never going to end, although you aren't likely to see this strain downing Jagerbombs at the end of it. You can, however, expect a crop of fairly short stature from this strain, even when growing outside, and even in the flowering stage it won't gain too much in height. The landrace tendencies come out in the flowering period, which sits at an amazingly fast 50 days. One of the best things about this strain is that it really doesn't take much effort to grow the type of buds that would make people think you've been cultivating pot since you were a child, which is great if you're looking to impress but you really aren't that good at growing. While the yield won't be the biggest you've ever brought in, it will be of the highest quality and so sticky with resin that it's a bitch to hold, like an over-glazed donut.

Sensi Seeds, Holland

Pure Indica

Genetics: Landrace Mazar-I-Sharif

sensiseeds.com

This strain is a known hash-maker, and if you don't indulge in at least a little finger hash after harvest then you'll be missing out hugely. This is Sensi Seeds' star hash producer and it is so strong that even a small stash will last you for a long, long time. Treasure this plant if you get to grow it, and let's start the Maple Leaf Indica revolution once more.



Mastodon Kush

My first thought when I heard of this strain was that the metal band from Atlanta had brought out their own hybrid. I thought it must be sharp tasting, dark as hell and more than a little heavy on the lungs – and, to be honest, I did get pretty excited about that. However, in reality, this strain is something to get excited about in a whole different way. Emerald Triangle Seeds, that bastion of fantastic Northern California genetics, has bred two true American classic strains together to form this attention-commanding strain. With both Bubba Kush and Master Kush on the table here, who is going to overlook this one?

As a 90% indica strain, you can expect this plant to be fairly short in stature; it's going to be fat and dense in the end, but it certainly won't be a Leviathan. A notable feature of Mastodon Kush's growing pattern is that the large, deep-green fan leaves give her a shallow canopy, so growers who like a SOG or ScrOG set up will feel like their time as a Workhorse has finally paid off and nature has handed them the perfect plant. If you cultivate this plant well in this type of set up, each huge bud will look like an Island in a sea of green! Don't forget to give your Mastodon Kush plenty of water, as that will be the plant's Lifesblood. This strain is particularly well suited to (This Mortal) Soil, whether it's an indoor or an outdoor crop, but be aware that the plant will have large, dense buds all the way down its central stem. When planting and arranging the crop, be sure to leave enough room for these buds to flourish without them being too close to the ground, as they might get Trampled Under Hoof. In just a short 60 days of flowering, you'll be ready to observe the Thickening of the buds, and once they're ripe and ready, you better be ready to do All The Heavy Lifting, or enlist a strong friend!

Emerald Triangle Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Bubba Kush x Master Kush

Potency: THC 17%

emeraldtriangle-seeds.co.uk

This strain is very complex in flavor, with hints of pepper, sugary sweetness and that ever-familiar Kush undertone combining nicely for one hell of a tasty smoke. Beware, though, because soon after the smoke has cleared and the initial head high has disappeared, you're going to be a bit of a Trainwreck. There are many words I could use to describe the body stone that arises from Mastodon Kush – Crusher, Destroyer, Taker Away of Motor Skills – but let's just say that most tokers I know call it The Ruiner. Also, be careful if you're wearing no clothes and you're lighting a giant bong. You don't want to get a Naked Burn. It's the worst kind of burn.



Mataro Blue

Although they're relatively young, Kannabia Seeds have carved out a space in the heart of many North American tokers with their personable breeders and incredible strains. They aren't afraid of a challenging cross and this strain is testament to that. With Blueberry, Mazar-i-Sharif and Black Domina genetics, Mataro Blue is a wild mix of some legendary indica-dominant strains and an absolute killer of a smoke.

Though it can be grown both indoor and out, Mataro Blue is most comfortable at about 6 feet in height and grown in 2-gallon pots. If you ensure this kind of environment you'll be rewarded with a uniform, easy to manage crop that yields highly: after 53 days of flowering you can harvest around 500 grams per plant. With so many classic indica genetics running through this plant, it will be fairly hardy with an incredibly strong structure, although a touch of sativa will bring a little stretch. If you're growing indoors, be sure to keep your lights close to the plants to reduce stretch.

The high of Mataro Blue comes out of nowhere, lifts you up into the sky and then drops you – and you can be falling for hours or days. It's a gorgeous ride, but when you eventually hit firm ground you'll hit it hard, and feel a body stone that's in stark contrast to the feeling of flying. A beautifully complex plant through and through!

Kannabia Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Blueberry x Mazar-I-Sharif x Black Domina

Potency: THC 18-20%

kannabia.es





Mendo Grape Kush

Although this strain was created in Spain by the wonderful British breeders at Ultra Genetics, it's a Mendocino variety through and through. By bringing together the genetics of Mendo Purps, OG Kush and Grapefruit, these guys have created a strain that's as American as Penelope Cruz is these days – and just as attractive.

Expressing several different phenotypes, Mendo Grape Kush gives a whole range of beautiful plants, all of which grow to be pretty massive with solid, hefty finished buds. All phenos enjoy a ScrOG set up and can do best in this sort of grow, but they will also need assistance to hold their heavy buds near the end of the 65-day flowering period. Growers should also keep an eye out for bud rot, due to the epic density of the flowers, but good ventilation and constantly moving air should ensure that this isn't an issue.

The grape taste of this strain comes through in the smoke, and you might detect a hint of mango, too. Although a joint is an absolutely phenomenal way to experience this strain, the best way to enjoy the Mendo Grape Kush high is to take advantage of the great resin production and make some homegrown hash. Both finger hash and bubble hash will allow you to get the very best high possible, so choose your poison: you definitely will not regret it!

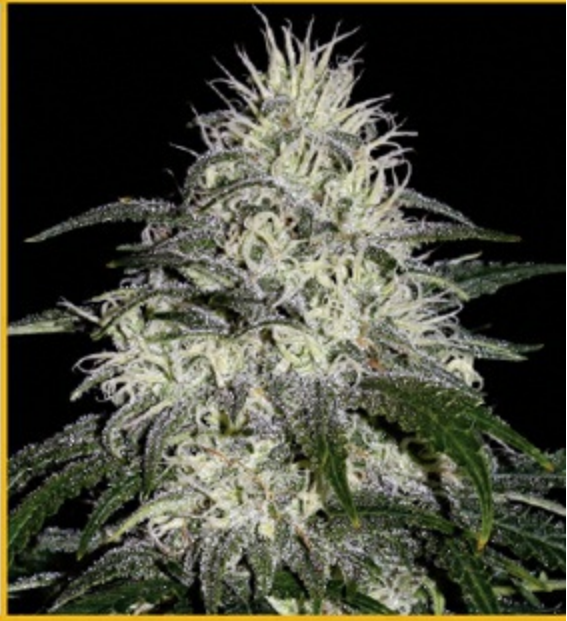
Ultra Genetics, UK

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Mendo Purps x OG Kush x Grapefruit

Potency: THC 18-20%

ultra-genetics.com





MK Ultra

Holland's TH Seeds are a stalwart of the Dutch scene and have been for some time. Their fame is in no small part thanks to such great crosses as the well-known MK Ultra, a mix of the enigmatic G-13 and LA's finest OG Kush. Even though these breeders are European heroes in the cannabis scene over the pond, no true American would be able to resist such a blend of classic American genetics!

MK Ultra is a great choice for indoor growers as its average height is between 4 and 5 feet, although cultivators should be aware of its tendency to stretch excessively in the flowering stage. Induce flowering when the plant hits half the height you want it to be. An easy plant to grow, MK Ultra is well suited to a SOG set up and will grow buds thicker and tighter than you've ever seen before. If this is your first plant, you'll have an easy ride, as neither mold nor pests particularly favor this strain, and after the 9-week flowering time you'll be treated to a yield of around 350 grams per square yard of grow space. Not bad for a first timer!

The name of this strain, taken from the famous LSD experiments in the 50s, should give you some indication of what to expect from this strain: a trippy, long lasting high that makes time linger and makes you forget how to properly lie down.

TH Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: G-13 x OG Kush

Potency: THC 18%

thseeds.com



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Motavation

This might seem like an odd choice of strain name, given that most of the time toking some killer bud gives us anything but Motavation, but this plant, developed by Magus Genetics and now produced by Serious Seeds, does give you Motavation ... to spend hours bringing together an ultimate list of Jackie Chan's early movies then settle in for a night of Chinese take out and the Drunken Master series.

A Sensi Star F3 and Warlock blend, this small plant is an ideal indoor strain and practically revels in small spaces. The breeders recommend vegging clones for 14 days and seedlings for 40 for best results, and you should see a little stretch. You can expect to harvest 70 grams per square foot of grow room, although it will yield pretty well outside too, if you have a safe outdoor grow space.

The smell of Motavation buds will be almost as strong as the stone; sweet and incredibly bitter at the same time, the aroma will slide into a hugely overwhelming body stone that takes you over from the inside like Invasion of the Body Snatchers – or invasion of the incredibly fucked-up body. You'll surely have the Motavation to smoke more, if only you could move your hands enough to roll another J!

Developed by Magus Genetics; now produced by Serious Seeds,

Holland

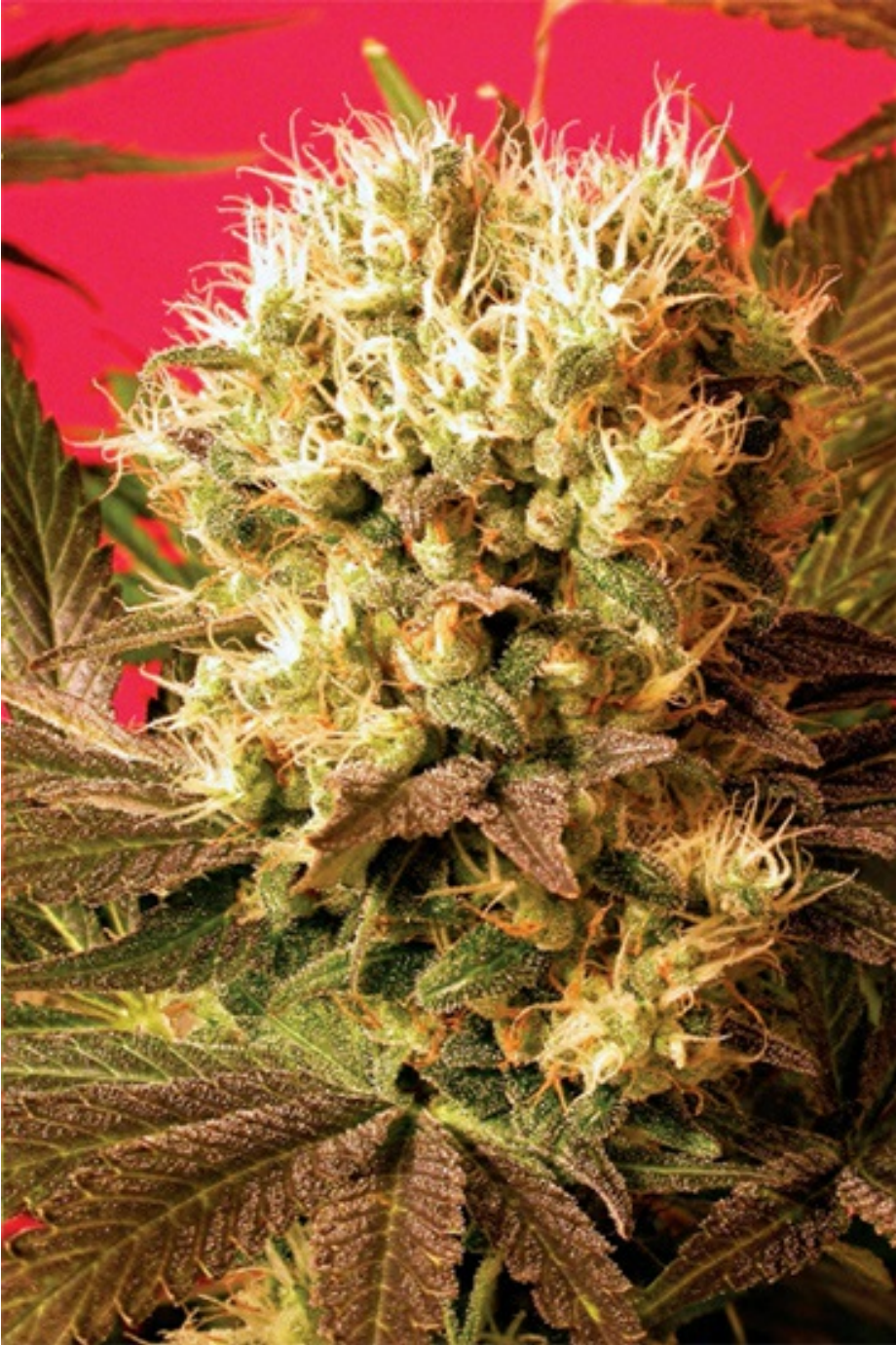
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Sensi Star F3 x Warlock

Potency: THC 15-18%

seriousseeds.com





Nevil's Super Kush

In the world of tokers and growers, they don't get much more famous than Nevil Schoenmaker. An Australian born and bred, Nevil started the Super Sativa Seed Club in the 80s, which was the first cannabis seedbank collective in Amsterdam at the time. He's got some serious credentials, so any strain to come from Nevil Schoenmaker is going to be a good one.

The genetic lines of Kanga's Kush (which might be the most Australian strain name ever) and Jim Ortega's Kush combine beautifully to make this short, stout plant with good branching and a lot of bushy greenery. If you like your plants to grow like Kushes should, this is the plant for you. An organic soil grow will bring out the best flavor and allow the strain to grow much more naturally than hydro systems will. You should be expecting a Kush-sized yield, and by that I mean a medium-high one, but the density of the nugs will make it feel like you've just harvested several kilos of pure lead.

With that unmistakable Kush taste and smell, this strain is one that's sure to make most tokers nearly foam at the mouth. A thick, goopy body stone and a numbing of the mind come together to complete what might be the ultimate Kush experience. Thanks, Nevil!

Nevil Schoenmakers, Australia, grown and photographed by M. Heinrich

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Kanga's Kush x Jim Ortega's Kush

cannacollective.co.uk





Niagara x Shiva

Canada's Dr. Greenthumb must have earned his medical license from the University of Serious Dank, because this guy knows how to create some seriously good pot. An indica-dominant mix of Afghani and Oaxacan genetics, this is a high-THC strain that comprises all the quality you'd expect from a Sensi Seeds offshoot. The kicker is that this plant is so delicately beautiful that you will forget that it is cannabis; it could be entered into the most straight-laced of flower shows and pensioners would be entranced by its gorgeous lavender hues and hints of dark purple. Niagara x Shiva is definitely a looker.

A hybrid cross between the two Sensi strains contained in its name, Niagara x Shiva will grow to between 4 and 6 feet tall outdoors but will stay to less than half that size when grown in an indoor grow space. A versatile plant that even new growers will find easy to cultivate, this strain will grow well in almost any environment as long as its basic needs are met. The calyx-to-leaf ratio is high, making manicuring a veritable joy, and as well as being resistant to mold, the buds will take on a gorgeous purple hue towards the end of flowering, when you'll be able to rake in around 300 grams of top-quality dried bud per outdoor plant. The giggly high and sweet taste will send you rolling happily into the morning!

Dr. Greenthumb Seeds, Canada

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: (Afghani x Oaxacan) x Shiva

Potency: THC 19.2%

drgreenthumb.com





Northside Jack

A new seed company hailing from the green, green state of California, Salatti Seeds are understandably keen to make their mark on the seed game and aren't wasting any time. By utilizing a pre-96 Northern Lights line and crossing it with a Jack Herer grandchild known as XJ-13, they've made a somewhat sleepy U.S. audience sit up and take notice.

As a 60/40% indica/sativa split, Northside Jack grows more like a tree than a bush but won't get too huge. There is one phenotype that will grow taller than the others, but even this one can be tamed with a little extra love. It does, however, enjoy a 9-week flowering period like its sativa ancestors. It enjoys an indoor environment best, but it can be grown in a whole range of more complex systems. First-time growers will love this plant, as it will make them feel like a green-fingered master when they're harvesting their impressive yields, even if they've done their best to kill it along the way.

Your particularly resinous flowers will be a source of pride even if this is your hundredth grow. XJ-13 fans will love this strain as it enjoys the same flavor, and the heavy indica stone will be enjoyed by even the most hardcore of tokers. The message is clear: pay attention to Salatti Seeds in the near future!

Salatti Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: XJ-13 x Northern Lights

Potency: THC 17-19%

salattiseeds.com





Nube Roja

Asturjaya seedbank, hailing from Spain, might not yet be all that well-known in North America, but they soon will be. Dedicated to handmade and totally organic seeds, these guys put quality of their product above all else. However, it's their all-outdoor seed production that makes them really stand out – well, that as well as fantastic strains like Nube Roja. Created from breeder-selected Lebanese genetics harking back to the Red Lebanon strain of the late 80s, this strain also comprises a Pakistani F1 indica, because Lebanese genetics just weren't awesome enough.

Although this plant enjoys one of the shortest flowering times on the market and smells like ripened fruit, it's the fact that it makes your grow room explode into an inferno of red hues that will really take your breath away. For best results, grow outside or in an entirely organic medium, as this plant likes dirt. It yields around 500 grams when grown outdoors, and finishes in 45 to 50 days.

Medicinal users and recreational users alike will love Nube Roja, as it's a real daytime smoke; strong enough to help with your pains and be fun without laying you out entirely – and it tastes like fruit candy. Just make sure your buddies don't finish your stash, or you might see an entirely different Red Cloud!

Asturjaya, Spain

Pure Indica

Genetics: Lebanese Landrace x Pakistani F1

Potency: THC 20%

asturjaya.es





Orange Chemo

Some things come along only once or twice in a lifetime, and this collaboration between Woodhorse Seeds and noted breeder Motarebel might just be one of those things. I like to think that the Woodhorse name is a nod to the famous wooden horse of Troy, in which the fabled Greek army were able to hide, finally gaining access to the city of Troy and destroying it from within. Does that mean, then, that Woodhorse Seeds are sneaking a whole new and dynamic range of strains into the modern cannabis market, destroying it from within and building something better and more exciting from the ashes? Probably not. But then again, combining such breeding talent with the genetics of UBC Chemo and Orange Kush is an offensive tactic; are Woodhorse on the front foot?

Regardless of any wishes Woodhorse and Motarebel might have to taking over the cannabis world, Orange Chemo is the kind of strain that makes tokers everywhere sit up and take notice. Thanks to the Kush influence, this plant won't get too tall, meaning that it's great for indoor growing as well as an outdoor guerilla plot. Although this strain is in its infancy, its potential is huge and you'll see from the beautiful plants and the uniform crops that it's going to be a big deal. An organic grow will help to seal in the unique flavor: a musty, slightly minty smell with notes of pine and fuel. If you're planning to use this as a medical strain, you should always grow organically; you'll get the very best out of it with no chemical nastiness.

Woodhorse Seeds and Motarebel, Canada/USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: UBC Chemo x Orange Kush

Potency: THC 24-26%

meduser.ca

Above Orange Chemo's growing patterns, ease of cultivation and even its

genetic history, the very best thing about this strain is its shattering, men-from-the-boys effect. A touch of a cerebral high will have you thinking that you've stumbled upon a sativa by accident, before you suddenly fall into a manhole of an indica stone, not quite sure where you are or how you got there in the first place. Although the long-lasting high is more heady than you'd expect, this is one of those strains that you can smoke at the end of the night and still feel like it was your first toke of the day: a hit right between the eyes that lingers around the body. Veteran stoners will love Orange Chemo, and medical users especially will enjoy its heavy pain-killing properties coupled with enough 'up' to make daily chores not quite so difficult to complete. For both hobby smokers and medical tokers alike, this is a strain most certainly worth seeking out.



Original Humble Bud

The USA's Humble Seeds certainly know how to pick a rich set of genetics, as they've selected three killer strains to combine to make their Original Humble Bud plant. With the White Rhino, Blueberry and Haze lines all coming together in this indica-dominant plant, they're taking the dreams of many young stoners and making them real!

The indica growing style really comes through in this hybrid, with broad, deep-green leaves that become almost black when they're subjected to a little cold. Although this plant grows perfectly in a grow room, you better be ready to invest in some carbon filters as it is going to stink to high heaven – and although Jah might like that, your neighbors might not! The flowering time of this strain is an incredibly short 54 days, so although the stink won't last for too long, it will definitely need your attention if you don't want the neighborhood watch to come a-knocking at your grow room door.

The taste of Original Humble Bud is almost as strong as the smell, with a Skunky taste and a bitter flavor, and the high, too, is one that will knock even Hulk Hogan right down on his ass and tell him to be quiet. Original Humble Bud doesn't do anything by halves, so rookies get ready to have your humble pie served to you on a green platter, and old-timer smokers and tokers, get ready to fall in love with a strain that will make you feel like a teenager again!

Humble Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Rhino x Blueberry x Haze

Potency: THC 15-17%

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Pakistan Chitral Kush

I can't decide what's most exciting about this page; the photo to the right, the name of the strain, or the amazing, pure landrace genetics from CannaBioGen in the information box below. Anyone who knows their stuff will immediately be interested in any strain that's worked on by these talented breeders who always ensure quality genetics, and anyone who loves a stellar Kush strain will be lit on fire by the idea of a Pakistan Chitral Kush. Plus, check out those buds! This is definitely a strain to get excited about. It seems that everyone will expect a lot from this strain, then – and it's a good job that it doesn't disappoint on any level at all.

A pure indica from, as the name would suggest, Chitral in Pakistan, this strain could school all other plants in the Ways Of The Indica. Not only are its stature and growing patterns completely textbook, its yield is medium-heavy but 100% quality (the way that true indicas are supposed to be). Right from the get-go this strain will exhibit strong branching, thick stems and vigorous growth. Later, when it rolls around to flowering time, thick, heavy buds will emerge, and towards the end of the 8 or 9-week flowering period you'll think that someone's stolen your buds and replaced them with hunks of lead painted green. Rest assured, however, that the buds of Pakistan Chitral Kush really are that dense and solid. As any good grower knows, indica buds necessitate some fantastic ventilation, as any hint of humidity or stagnant air can cause bud rot or mold to form within the flowers, meaning that the bud will have to be cut and thrown away. To lose such quality cannabis to such a stupid error would be a travesty, so indoor growers especially should ensure that there are enough fans in the grow room to keep the air moving. Filtering out the stinky air in the flowering period should also be a concern, so carbon filters will be necessary. Although the final harvest won't be the biggest you've ever brought in, the energy that didn't go to creating extra buds went into covering the existing ones with thick, cloudy trichomes, so you can expect your dried, cured buds to be as strong as a weightlifter that's been on the 'roids.

CannaBioGen, Spain

Landrace Indica

Genetics: Pure line from Chitral, Pakistan

Potency: THC 15%

cannabiogen.com

Do ensure that you give this strain a good curing period, as that beautiful Kush smell and taste is one that's meant to be savored. Of course, we don't get Kush strains for any other reason than the incredibly narcotic stone, and you'll do well to go easy on this strain while you get used to its incredible effects.



Pink Vanilla

Ganja Creator Genetics is the brainchild of an up-and-coming young breeder based in Canada, and given the quality of his strains so far, it seems that he's got a long and illustrious career ahead of him, which is great news for growers and smokers alike. Despite being proudly from north of the border, however, Ganja Creator has reached into the Californian and Mexican genetic pool with this strain, using the incredible Ortega in two different ways: crossing a classic Ortega indica with a Pink version of the same strain to bring out a beautifully indica-dominant cross with colors that will take your breath away.

With a double dose of Ortega genetics it's no surprise that Pink Vanilla is a strong grower, just as it would be no surprise if the child of two weight lifters turned out to be a little hefty, too. Whether it's grown outdoors or indoors, this plant will stand up to all the challenges thrown against it, with its structure and stem strength being particularly notable. A slight dose of sativa genetics means that this might be a tiny bit taller than a pure indica with a little more stretch, but this plant is incredibly well suited to indoor growing as well as outdoor cultivation, so don't let the sativa presence put you off starting a crop in your grow room. You'll notice good side branch development and an incredibly uniform crop, which will make it much easier for you to spot any problems spreading into any plants – although given the hardy nature of this strain, issues should be very rare. The excellent branching means, however, that you should take space into account when you plant your babies; leave enough room for them to grow into, or before you know it you won't be able to walk around your grow room! The Pink Vanilla cultivator should, however, be wary of bud rot as the density of the nugs on these plants can create the perfect environment for mold to develop; make sure you check every individual specimen every single day to avoid losing any of your harvest to this nasty little problem. Harvest time will be around the middle of October for outdoor growers, whilst indoors, this plant finishes in a solid 7 to 9 weeks, depending on the type of high that you're looking for.

Ganja Creator Genetics, Canada

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Pink Ortega x Ortega

Potency: THC 21.26%

ganjacreator.com

Just like the growing plant, your finished buds will be covered in beautiful pink hairs and some clear ones, making the nugs look like candy cane that's just begging to be licked. After a decent curing period your buds will look like they've been dipped in sugar and they'll smell like sweet vanilla, making this strain perfect for a sweet tooth like me. Whether you go the hash or bud route, you will definitely enjoy the taste and stone of Pink Vanilla!



Pitbull

Stoney Girl Gardens, based in the USA, love to put out incredibly strong strains intended for medical use and they're much loved by their patients because of this. To achieve this with Pit Bull, they've brought together a Sugar Plum strain with their most famous P-91, a phenomenally strong strain with a kick like a particularly grumpy horse.

If you're an outdoor grower in the Northwest of the USA, you're in luck: this strain is perfectly suited to your conditions and you'll have a whale of a time watching it blossom and bloom beneath the sun. However, indoor growers don't need to miss out either, as this strain is as easy to grow in a grow room as it is outdoors. Mite resistant, easy to clone and very vigorous, the only problem you should face with Pit Bull is ensuring that the thick, heavy buds don't succumb to mold later in the flowering stage. It should be ready in 9 weeks and will enjoy a good curing period to bring all the flavors as far out as they can possibly come.

Sit down before you smoke up with Pit Bull, because it is like riot police at a peaceful protest started by hippies: absolutely relentless. Like a Social Sciences student with a penchant for tie-dyed shirts sitting in the wrong place, you'll find yourself shocked by the intensity that this kicks you with, so wrap on some padding, sit yourself down and try to enjoy the ride.

Stoney Girl Gardens, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Sugar Plum x P91

gro4me.com

stoneygirlgardens.com





Prozack

There are many of us the world over who have already eschewed pills and meds for nature's own medicine, but Spain's Medical Seeds are clearly trying to take down the world's pharmaceutical giants once and for all with this plant, a Lavender and Kush cross that's known to its fans as Prozack. As an incredibly good medical strain with many uses including mood elevation, Prozack might just take over its pharma namesake as the world's favorite medication. It certainly doesn't come with any of the erectile dysfunction, tremors or mania of its namesake!

A short, bush-style plant, Prozack is very easy to grow and needs little to no attention. Think of it as the over-achiever in your grow room; while the others are still deciding whether they're seedlings or plants, Prozack will have already expressed its dense, heavy structure and will start to put the foundations down for its flowering period. It will, however, enjoy a longer vegetative period than most indica-dominant strains, with 3 to 4 weeks being perfect, although this does mean that the flowering period is 70 days. The payoff from this longer schedule, however, is a great harvest and quality buds. Outdoors, these plants can grow to 6 or 7 feet and bring in around 500 grams each, whilst indoor growers can get a yield of 450 grams per square yard of grow room. Your ripened buds will be stunning, with hints of purple and an aroma of pure hash. They'll also be rock solid and almost wet with resin, so you'll be dying to get your hands on them. Wear gloves while harvesting and roll your fingers every now and again, and you'll have yourself some wicked good finger hash right after you've brought your plants down. When your finger hash stash is done, your plants should be just about dry and ready to go, so get to work on making yourself some Prozack hash!

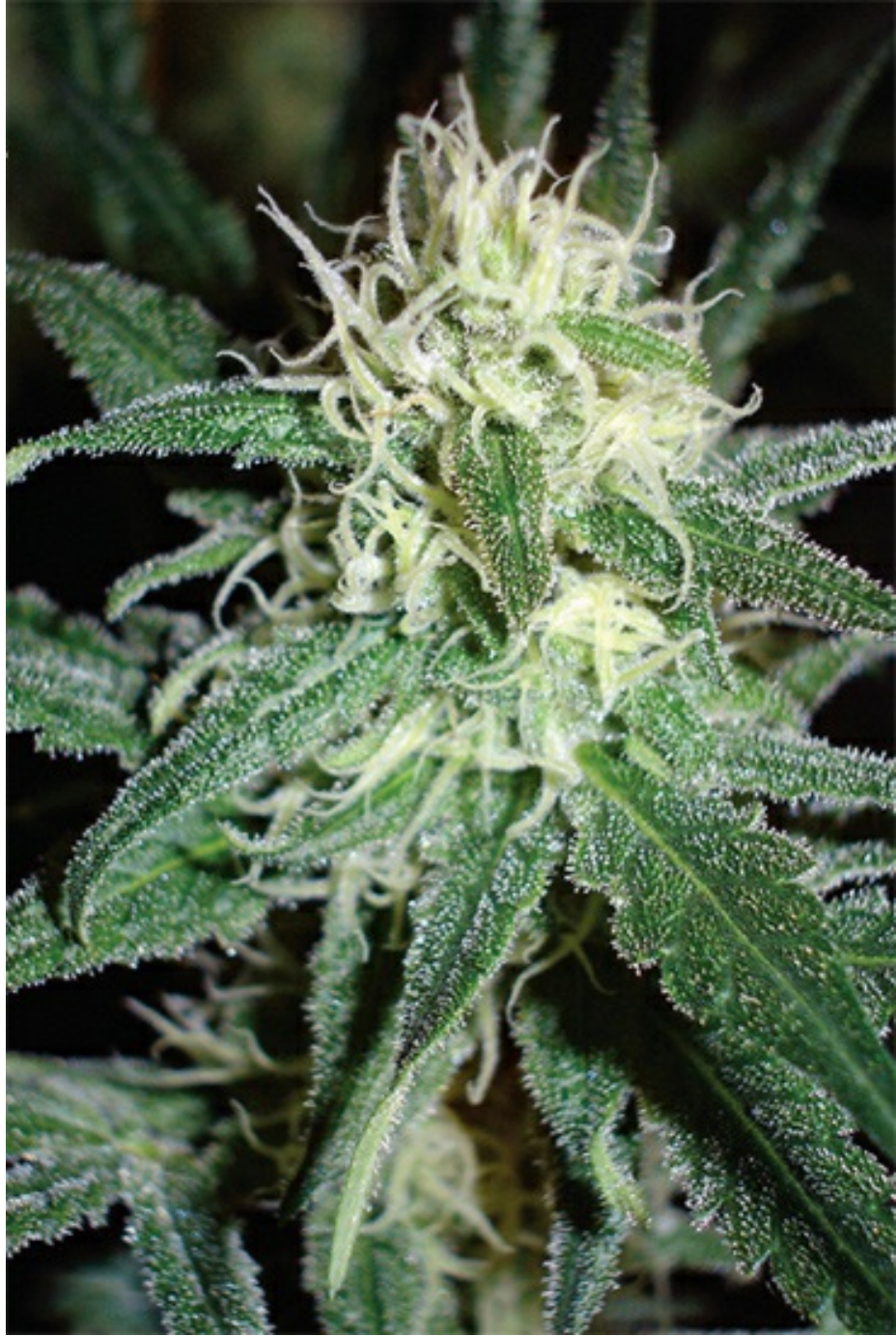
Medical Seeds Co., Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Lavender x Kush

Potency: THC 15-18%
medicalseeds.net

Prozack's delightful flavor and medium-heavy smoke give way to a fantastic medical stone. There are some effects from this plant that are totally non-medical; munchies, sleepiness, debilitating desire to watch that show where they go into old storage units and sell all the stuff off. These are just a few. Yet Prozack, in many ways, is just like its namesake: it deals with mood issues and panic attacks but it also helps with chronic pain issues and lasts for much longer than its counterpart, all without the horrible side effects that pharmaceutical drugs almost always come with. This weed is way better than the pills, if you ask me.



Pure Kush

If the name of the Green House Seed Company doesn't cause a potential boner in the pants of American stoners reading this page, then the words Pure Kush certainly will. Kush and Green House could have a Celebrity Deathmatch over who's more famous; the world's biggest seed company or America's favorite strain? Sure, the Green House kids hang out with Woody Harrelson and Snoop and might have Wiz Khalifa filming videos in their coffee shops, but the shit that they're all smoking when this is going on is probably Kush. For these stalwarts of the scene to bring out a Pure Kush, then, is the stuff stoner dreams are made of – and there's no doubt in my mind that the Green House boys have definitely done it justice.

Beginning with a choice OG Kush cut of a clone-only Kush phenotype, the breeders at Green House worked with this strain for years before finally feeling that it was ready to do justice to the Pure Kush title. With pink hues on the calyx and a red tint to the hairs, this is a plant that you'll look at all day long even under the heat of your HPS lights. The breeders recommend using the ScrOG technique to cultivate this plant to bring in the biggest yields, and its medium height and great density mean that it will take to this kind of set up like a duck to particularly wet-looking water. The ease of growing means that beginners will love it, as its huge yields will make them feel like El Patron of growing. At the end of the 9-week flowering stage, which means that harvest should come around the first week of October for us Northern Hemisphere growers, you can expect to harvest around 990 grams per plant outdoors. Indoor growers don't even miss out, as you can reach up to 900 grams from a square yard of grow space, too, in the right set up. This strain is especially recommended for those wanting to expand their breeding stock. Stable, classic and a great one for hybrids, Pure Kush is a plant that begs to be worked with and thrown into crazy new mixes.

Green House Seed Co., Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: OG Kush

Potency: THC 19.35%

greenhouseseed.nl

Pure Kush has a flavor of candied nuts; both sweet and salty with that delicious more-ish quality that has you reaching for the bong again and again. Yet the flavor isn't why you grew it; you grew it for the effects. We all know what a Kush stone is, but this is more Kushy than the Kushiest Kush you could ever have imagined. This is not your normal street Kush; this is a connoisseur's dream. A serious couch lock with a very narcotic effect, it is a great choice for medicinal users with chronic pain problems and recreational users with an inability to sit still and watch a whole season of Mad Men.



Purple Unicorn

Bodhi Seeds, based out of the USA, are breeders and genetics collectors with as much passion for this plant as you could ever hope to find in one small company. They're a family-based breeding collective with a wide range of unique and fascinating breeding lines at their disposal, and they are not afraid to use them! Purple Unicorn is a favorite of the crew thanks to its delicious taste and fantastic high, and it sprang from the union of a Snow Lotus plant and a ChemD and Blackberry Widow F4 cross. To call this plant one-of-a-kind would be an understatement; it's so rare it's almost mythical, in fact!

The Blackberry Widow grandparent of this strain is an F4 by Buckwheat from Jojorizo's original cross, and the Snow Lotus is the product of an Afgooey and a Block Head male, so you know you're getting some quality genetics when this strain comes your way. Whether you're an indoor or an outdoor grower you'll be able to enjoy the cultivation of this strain, as colder temperatures bring out the royal purple hues that make looking after Purple Unicorn such a dream. A cold snap for an outdoor grow or cooler temperatures in a grow room will both work in bringing out the natural beauty of this plant. Although it won't grow too tall (thanks, indica dominance!) and even outdoors it won't get too wild, it's important to keep an eye on the thick buds of Purple Unicorn in the flowering period because mold or bud rot can be a problem for some. You will also have to ensure that, if you're growing indoors, the lights are kept at a sensible proximity to the plants as this strain can be convinced to stretch if its light sources are just a little too far away, and you don't want to end up with tall, leggy plants that can't hold their own weight. Odor control is most certainly necessary when growing Purple Unicorn as it is one stinky mare and will alert your neighbors, your garbage man and the local neighborhood watch people to the fact that you're growing some fine-ass dank if you're not too careful. Expect a sizable harvest of gorgeous green and purple buds!

Bodhi Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: (ChemD x Blackberry Widow F4) x Snow Lotus

breedbay.co.uk

cannabis-seeds-bank.co.uk

If you can bring yourself to smoke up such attractive buds, you'll soon be on your way through the funky but sweet smoke to a high that will set you right on the unicorn's back and have you galloping over the rainbow before you know it. Just remember not to freak out when you see Narnia, Hogwarts and that little leprechaun man who used to be on the Lucky Charms ads. That's normal.



Red Rock

I've no way of knowing whether this strain is named after the fantastic amphitheater in Colorado, but the effect of this Leprechaun Seed Company hybrid is much the same as a killer gig at the aforementioned venue; feelings of ecstasy, sensory overload and a desperate need to sit down at the end of the night. A cross between a C99/Romulan plant and the devastating Herijuana will do that to you.

A plant that loves to be kept indoors, Red Rock is relatively small but a huge yielder. Easy to grow and even easier to clone, this one is a good beginner strain although experienced growers will love it, too. The buds resulting from Red Rock plants will be white as the drifting snow, which is exciting for anyone who loves a nice finger hash stash. Even nicer is that harvest will bring you around 800 grams per 1000 watts of lighting. Seriously!

There's a surprising treat in these nugs; a taste of hot black coffee with a pinch of cinnamon and sugar – just how I like it, in fact! The high is an absolute annihilator, as you might expect from a Herijuana parent, so put your feet up and enjoy not being able to feel your legs, or even know where they are in relation to the rest of your body.

Leprechaun Seed Company, Canada

Indica-Dominant

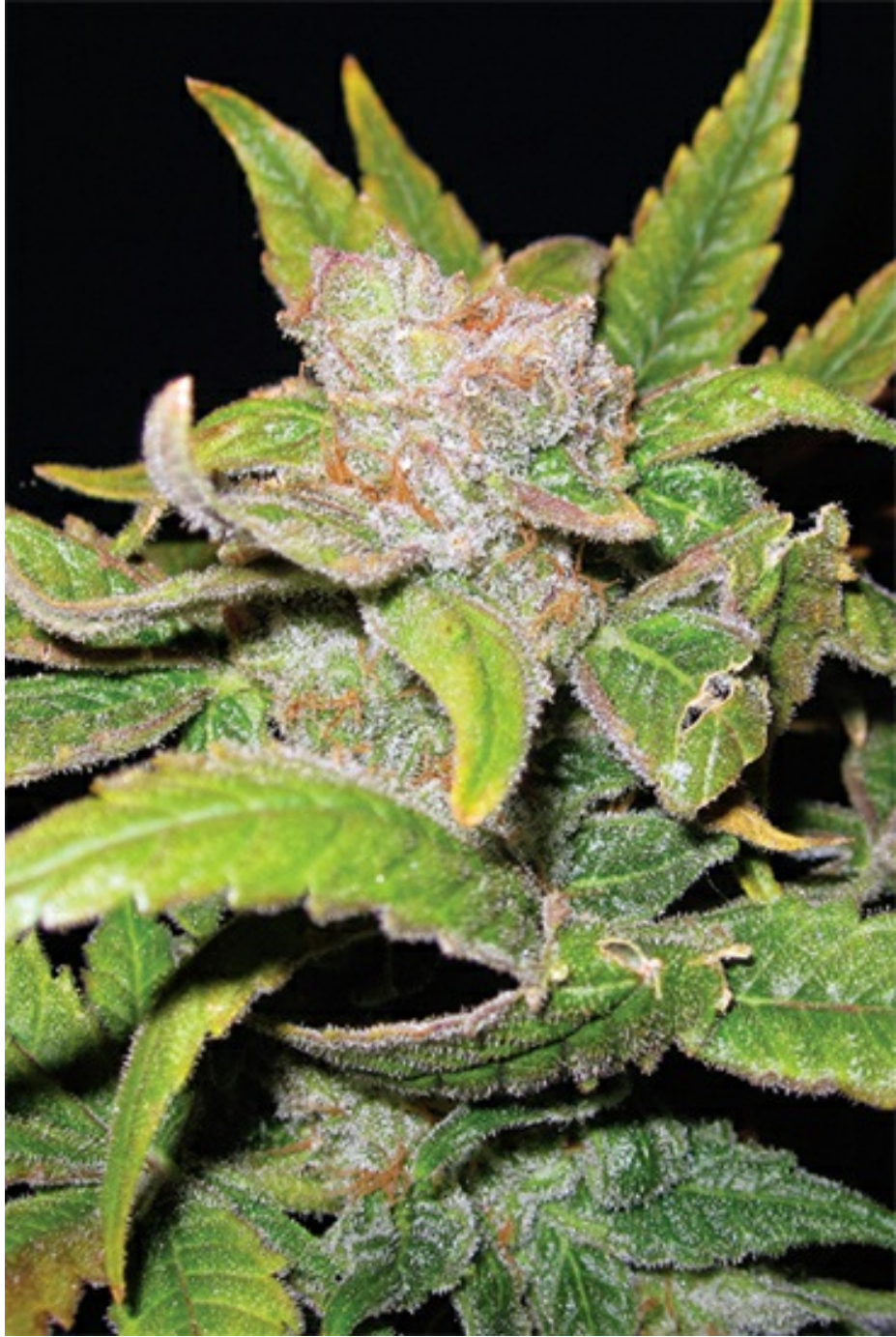
Genetics: C99/Romulan x Herijuana

Potency: THC 15-18%

hempdepot.ca



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Reggie Bush

Man, I love this strain. I know it's immature, but every time I'm talking to someone not pot friendly and want to go out for a smoke, I say I've got to go see Reggie Bush. "Sorry man, I've got to take a call from Reggie." "Mom, I know you're upset, but I've just gotta see Reg for a second." It gets me off the hook every time. Little do people know that Reggie, despite his name, is a true-blooded Mexican; this strain is bred from Mexican brick weed that has some real character despite its sketchy origins.

There's a lot of bomb to be had from a baggie of Reggie Bush, but you will need to give it more than a little tender loving care and attention. This one can be a little wild, so don't hesitate to trim and turn him where you need to. Beneath the roguish exterior, there are some excellent Mexican genetics, and more experienced growers will be able to pull the very best out of this strain. Go with a soil grow with a few nutes for the best results, and play around to see what works and what doesn't. For all its faults, Reggie will come back from problems time and time again, so experiment with it!

This is a classic kind of stone, leaving you the kind of high they get in the movies; heavy and mostly in the body, with the kind of head affect that leaves you dribbling down your own chin. Retro!

420Clones.com, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Unknown

Potency: THC 12-14%

420clones.com





Ripped Bubba

Subcool is the closest thing the breeding world has to a rock star; everyone knows him, everyone loves his shit and he's even brought out his own books on his favorite strains. This dude has some serious cred. However, he's no Paris Hilton; there are some mad skills under that starlit exterior, and strains like Ripped Bubba continue to prove that.

With a trifecta of awesome genetics – Space Queen, Jack's Cleaner and Pre-98 Bubba Kush to be precise – it would be difficult to claim that Ripped Bubba doesn't have a lot of potential; however, it takes skilled breeders like the ones at Team Green Avengers to make such a stellar plant as this. Finishing in 55 days with more resin than you'll know what to do with, this is a true expression of an indica-dominant hybrid. Of the several phenotypes, most will lean towards the stocky, typical indica structure with very dense top flowers. Growers looking for multiple heads should top the plant early on and watch out for mold forming in the gigantic buds!

This is a great 'somewhere in the middle' strain that has a body buzz without being too stoney and a head high without being off the wall. It also appeals to my sweet tooth, with flavors of purple Skittles and lemon drops. True fact.

Subcool and Team Green Avengers, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Pre-98 Bubba Kush x Jack's Cleaner x Space Queen

Potency: THC 21%

tgagenetics.com



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Romulan

Canada's Next Generation Seed Company are big fans of their home country and the fantastic strains that come from the Big White North. Hell, we all are – anyone that's smoked a Blueberry or grown a Lowryder would happily sing O, Canada before watching a whole season of Due South, eating four beavertails with extra whipped cream and drinking Molson Canadian, I think. It's often underrated as a pot country, just because the U.S., Amsterdam and Spain take up so many of the headlines. But Next Gen and their peers are doing something special up there, and this something special involves the legendary strain Romulan and a hell of a lot of hard work.

Romulan is a BC original and a medicinal strain that's brought help and comfort to many across North America. The boys at Next Gen were lucky enough to receive an original 'Romulan Joe' cutting almost ten years ago from Joe himself, and have now backcrossed this plant through eight generations. Thanks to this extensive inbreeding, most of the plants follow the lead of the male in terms of flavor and potency, but the mother in terms of growing structure. This strain will grow to a medium height with average branching, but it is adaptable so can go with whatever space you're working in. However, it isn't recommended for a SOG set up as it just doesn't take well to this kind of system. As a rule, these plants also don't enjoy being over-watered, and they should also be kept in a medium with a consistent pH, as fluctuations can greatly affect the growth and vigor of this crop. These kinds of considerations make Romulan the sort of plant that should not be used as your first grow, as you really will not know how to make the best of it. Once you're a few grows in, however, you'll love the challenge of bringing out the potential here and you might actually do it justice. The flowering time is a very fast 60 days, showing just how much of an indica this strain really is.

Next Generation Seed Company, Canada

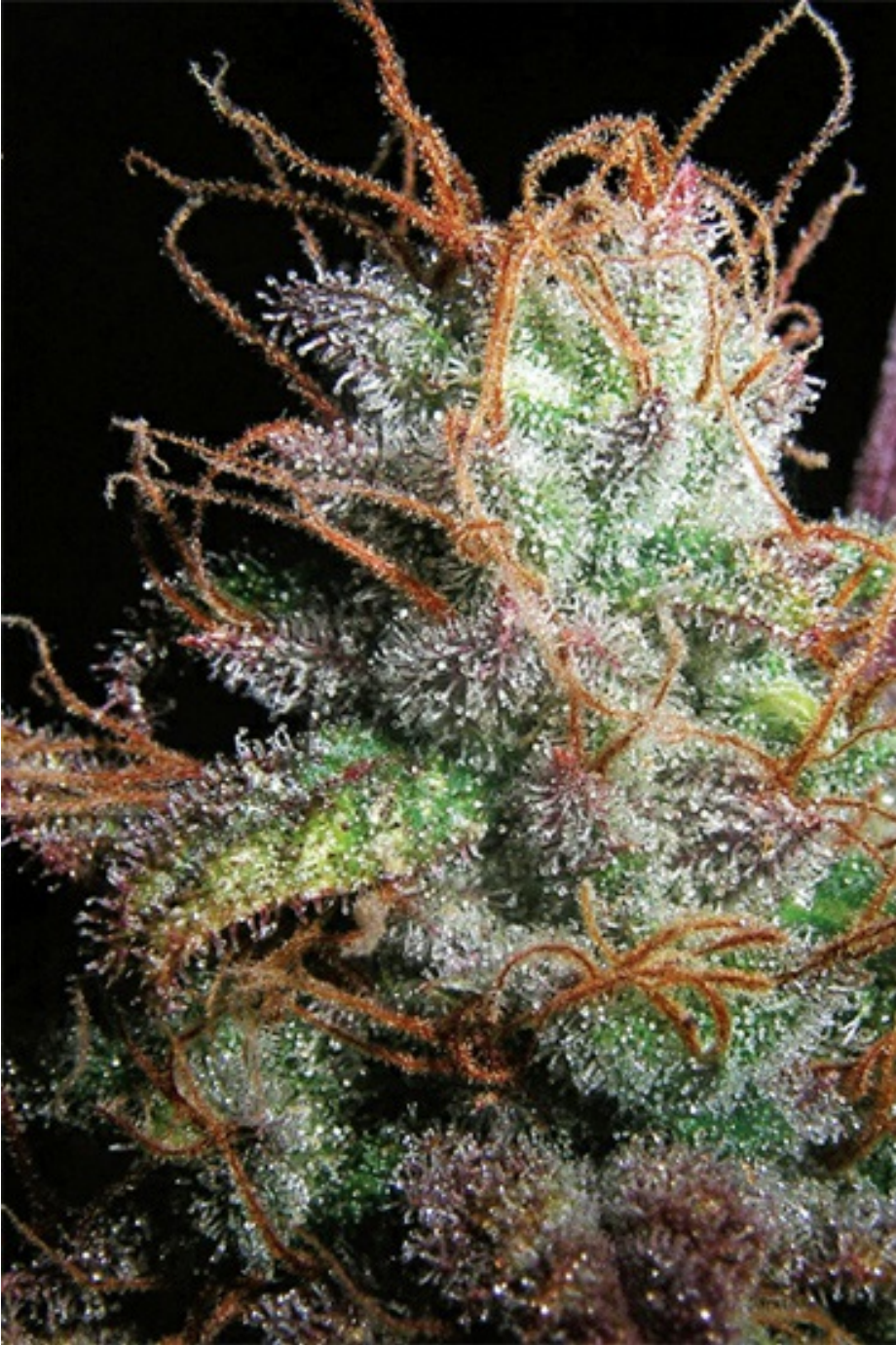
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Romulan (Romulan Joe Cut) x Romulan

Potency: THC 18%

greenlifeseeds.com

The real beauty of Romulan is the high. Somewhere between light as a feather and heavy as a ton of bricks, it tends to linger in the upper part of the body and sends the mind tingling. The piney and fruity buds combust beautifully in a bong, and the smoke is as thick as it is delicious. A couple of hits of Romulan and you'll be watching Hockey Night in Canada with a poutine spilling on your numb lap, wondering what the hell Don Cherry had to kill to make his suit this week. Is that really beaverskin? Hah, beaver...



Royal Bluematic

Holland's Royal Queen Seeds really know how to get a pot connoisseur excited. Of course, having over twenty years' experience in growing and breeding will give you a good knowledge of the seed game and what's going to sell, but to really get a grower hot under the collar, you've got to understand just what makes a great strain and why. These guys have really got it down with this strain, which brings together auto-flowering genetics and a Blueberry plant to make an indoor grower's wet dream come true.

This isn't the first Blueberry strain that Royal Queen Seeds have offered, but it is one of the most impressive. Whilst their Blue Mystic is a choice plant in its own right, this has a more raw feel to it that some of us love. It grows to a medium height for an auto-flower, topping out at about 30 inches, which is still small enough for dorm grows, bedroom cultivation and guerilla grows that you'd think would be easy to spot but somehow blend in with their surroundings. It won't grow many side branches, instead choosing to focus on one big, fat, main cola. Obviously, being an auto-flowering strain, the lighting schedule is not an issue here, and the strain will be at full maturity 9 weeks after it first pops its little head out to say hello. The ruderalis genetics mean that this is a strong plant, and one that isn't easy to damage or cause problems for. The density of that giant main cola means that bud rot is the most likely issue, but ventilation, regular checks and slightly colder temperatures usually keep this problem at bay. There is a tiny bit of sativa influence here, which means that the plants may have a tendency to stretch a little if you give them room to, so really slam the plants with light in the vegetation stage and you'll have a crop that's desperate to break through and provide you with a harvest that will make you happy. It won't be the biggest yield that you've ever had, but the Blueberry stench emitting from the dense cola will definitely plant a smile on your face. 50 grams per plant is a rough average, which isn't bad at all for a plant so teeny.

Royal Queen Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Blueberry x Ruderalis

Potency: THC 16%

royalqueenseeds.com

If you're as much of a Blueberry fan as I am, you already know how good this strain is going to taste. If you're an auto-flowering fan, you also know about the smooth, melting body stone that will set in soon after the smoke has cleared and that will massage you into relaxation. Now, imagine these two things together. It really is that good.



Russian Blue

For a while now, America's Riot Seeds have been front and center of the cannabis scene in North America, with more connections in the industry than you could care to shake a stick at. They're a very well-respected seed company; everyone knows them, everyone likes them, and dammit, they deserve it, too. Even your mom likes them, and she likes almost nobody. And, to make it even better, they're holding some killer genetics. Yeah I know, bro. Let's crash their party on the weekend!

Ultimately, we all benefit from Riot Seeds being so damn likeable. They bring out killer strains that we all get to enjoy, and they do it all with a punk rock ethos that really eschews the more "corporate" models followed by many cannabis companies. The particular genetics in question for this strain are Crimea Blue from the enigmatic Barney's Farm and Sandstorm from CannaBioGen. This beauty is a short and bushy plant that expresses some fantastic purple colors even when it's not subject to colder temperatures. Like any proud Russian, it's stocky, dense, and would headbutt you in the face as soon as look at you. If you value your teeth, you should treat this crop with as much respect as you can muster. As soon as this strain clicks into flowering mode, as well as being quite fearful of it, you'll notice that it's going to be a great hash-making strain, as your grow room floor will soon be a giant pool of sticky resin. You'll have to swim through it to reach the plants! Towards the end of the 9-week flowering period you'll also be struggling through an absolute war crime of a stink, so carbon filters will be as necessary as a mop in a kindergarten class. Imagine what your farts would smell like after a 4-month diet of pickled herring, Russian Standard vodka and borscht, and you might come close to imagining the smell of these plants when they're close to harvest. If your fat uncle had that diet, his farts might be a bit closer to it.

Riot Seeds, USA
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Crimea Blue x Sandstorm

Potency: THC 19%

riotseeds.nl

You should avoid spending too much time in your grow room towards the end of flowering, as the thick smell is so heavy that you might find yourself asphyxiated; although getting engulfed by Russian Blue smell isn't the worst way to go. Despite a dank stink that's ranker than a Russian soldier's boots, this strain tastes way better than you think it will. If you can imagine a meeting of the flavors of ChemDawg and UK Cheese, then you're imagining the taste of Russian Blue smoke. Your buds will be the smelliest thing that's ever existed, and the high will be a nicely energetic stone that almost everyone will love. Damn it, Riot Seeds, it's just so hard not to like you and your amazing strains!



Sandstorm

I don't know if CannaBioGen are huge fans of DJ Darude, or whether it's just a coincidence that this strain is named after that guy's biggest hit, but every time someone asks me if I want to smoke up some Sandstorm I get that really catchy "beepy boopy" sound in my head and my foot starts to tap. That foot stops tapping, though, as soon as the stone sets in; as a cross between a Chitral Kush indica and an Arabene Moroccan Landrace, this strain is heavier than a reanimated mammoth who's pregnant with octuplets and just as likely to leave you flattened right against the floor.

A pure indica, Sandstorm should be prized by those who love smaller plants with huge yields. Growers who've had experience with this strain highly recommend going outdoors with it, and though an indoor grow definitely won't stunt the progress of Sandstorm too much, the good, thick soil of the earth is where it was meant to be. If you do choose to grow inside, be sure that your area is well ventilated, as the buds from this plant are dense like the very core of a black hole. The flowering stage sits around 55 to 65 days, and I recommend leaving it as long as you can before harvesting to get the true stone. The vegetative period should last for a bare minimum of 30 days if you really want to go interstellar with this plant – and trust me, you do. However, it's really not that tough to grow; it's hardy, forgiving and produces such quality buds that you'll find it hard to go back to growing anything else. Essentially, unless you're a real idiot and managed to feed your plants with Kool-Aid by accident, this crop is going to turn out great. If only all landrace-based strains were this easy!

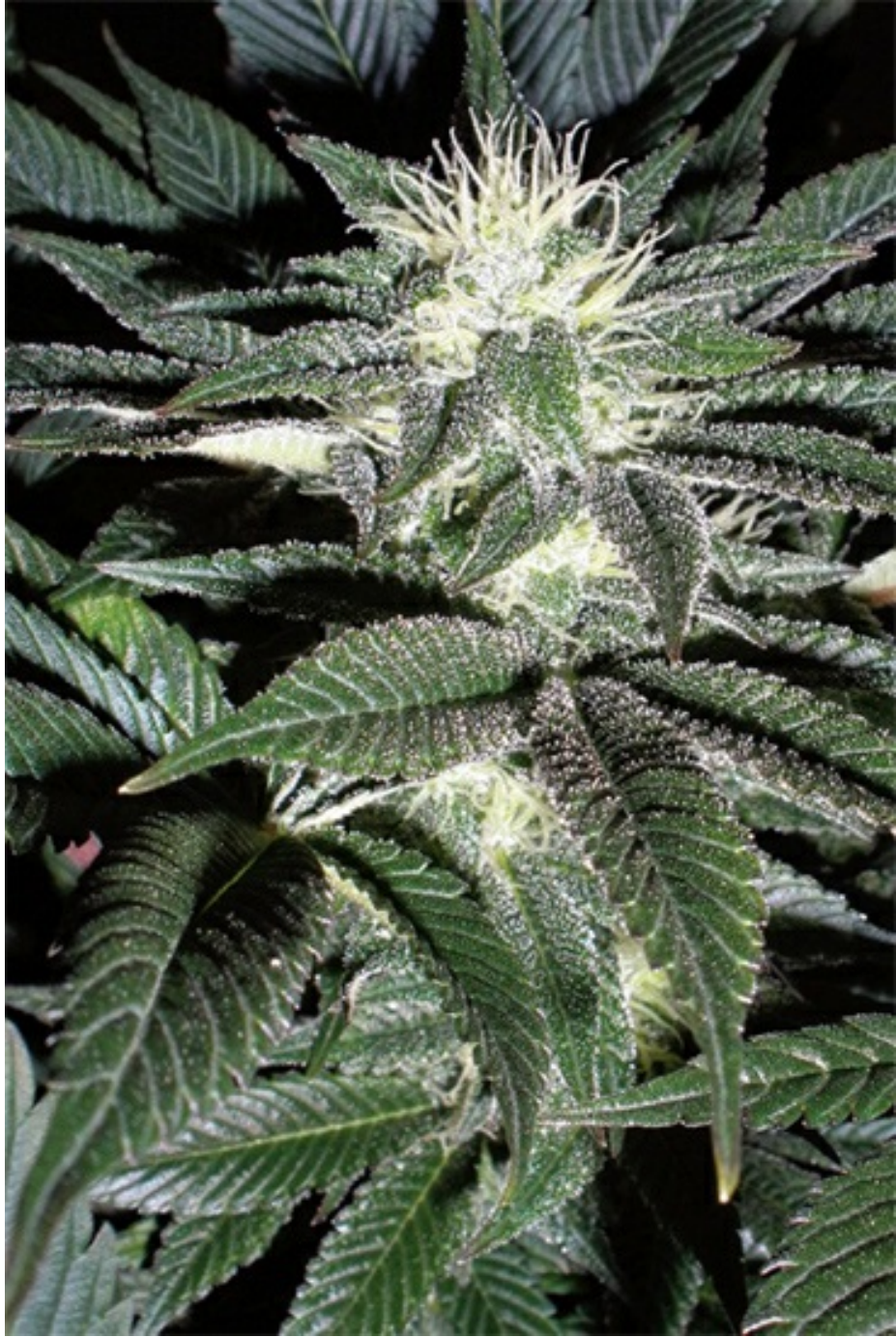
CannaBioGen, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Chitral Kush (Pakistan) x Arabene Landrace (Moroccan)

cannabiogen.com

Once your buds are harvested and dried, take a second to appreciate the fact that you now have some high-quality landrace shit in your possession. This doesn't happen every day; give thanks to CannaBioGen before you spark up this stash! Your finished buds will taste as sweet as they smell, with a few hints of spice and tanginess just to make life interesting. Once the smoke clears, expect a true knockdown stone that will have you wondering what the hell hit you and make you worried that you might not ever get up. If you have the time and patience, making hash from this is as close to the Gods as us sinful pot smokers are ever likely to get. Back in the Chitral Kush region from which the mother plant originates, the hash is black, thick, and crazy strong, and it's considered the only way to consume such fantastic pot. If you think about it, it would be rude not to make some Sandstorm hash.



Sketch OG

The USA's Trichome Labs have come through with a really interesting strain here, one that's officially known as TL-121-IE, although I'll admit that's less catchy than Sketch OG, the name that I know it by. This is a unique strain which claims to be a Pure OG originally from Big Bear, CA. I can see from here that your Spidey senses are tingling at the very mention of a Pure OG, and for good reason too; with genetics like that, this strain is something to excite even the newbie stoner. The particular genetics are a closely guarded secret, but this is certainly a great indica, popular with medical users especially.

Everyone knows that OG plants grow especially short, bushy and almost perfectly for a small grow room or cupboard grow, meaning that indoor growers will absolutely love this strain. It's an easy one to grow, whether you've only just figured out that plants actually come from seeds or you've been breeding and growing for thirty-five years. If you're on the newbie end of the cultivation spectrum, you'll find that this is a lesson in growing: the plants will be strong enough to withstand any of your inevitable mistakes, but they'll also show you exactly what they need and when. Experienced growers, on the other hand, will be able to get something truly special with Sketch OG, especially if they've grown OG plants before. Don't be afraid to push her limits to see what she can achieve! The extensive side branching means that you should position your crop with adequate room between the plants, and the density of the buds necessitates a keen eye from the grower, lest bud rot or mold take hold. Investing in good ventilation will always help to keep bud rot at bay, as well as strengthening the structure of your plants and ensuring good strong stems. A short flowering time will leave you with a medium yield, but you won't be disappointed in the quality of the buds!

Trichome Labs, USA
Indica-Dominant

Potency: THC 18.77%
trichomelabs.com

A fantastic medical strain, Sketch OG is designed to help with nausea caused by chemotherapy, as the breeder went through the same thing himself and found that this strain was the best to help him through it. Medical users looking for strains to calm their digestive issues, insomnia and chronic pain will also find this strain to be of great use to them, without making them too sluggish to function. For those of us lucky enough not to be going through any heavy treatment or struggling with some disease, Sketch OG brings a stone that has enough body buzz about it to be a bit of a brain-melter but has enough of the uppy stuff to still make it a playful experience.



SoCal Original Diesel

If you've not heard of the SoCal Seed Collective, prepare to be educated. These guys are an incredibly hardworking and passionate group of established, reputable California medical marijuana breeders who have collected some phenomenal strains of cannabis for medical use and are now breeding varieties for their own use as well as the use of others. There truly is no medical breeder more compassionate or more driven than the breeder who needs meds himself, so anyone with a medical card will be at home with SoCal Seed Collective genetics. SoCal Original Diesel is a particularly good strain for people like me, to whom Diesel is almost a religion, as this strain comprises both an Original Diesel and a ChemD male.

SoCal Original Diesel won't be as short and squat as many other indica-dominant plants, as there is a fair amount of sativa genetics kicking around in its history, but it's certainly a strain that can be grown both indoors and out. It's recommended that you stake this crop early on, to provide support for the branches once the buds have properly developed. When finished, your colas will be yellow, white and green, and will look incredibly pale, fat and ready to burst into a plethora of flavors and smells. The Diesel influence in this hybrid elongates the flowering time somewhat, meaning that it will be 10 full weeks before you can chop down your delicious-looking plants. By the time this 10-week period is over, you'll have a line of people waiting at your door, drawn to your grow room by the tremendous stink that these crops kick out. To avoid everyone in your neighborhood following the yellow brick road to your house, be sure to invest in some good carbon filtering equipment and remember that ventilation should always be a key concern, even if your strains aren't incredibly stinky.

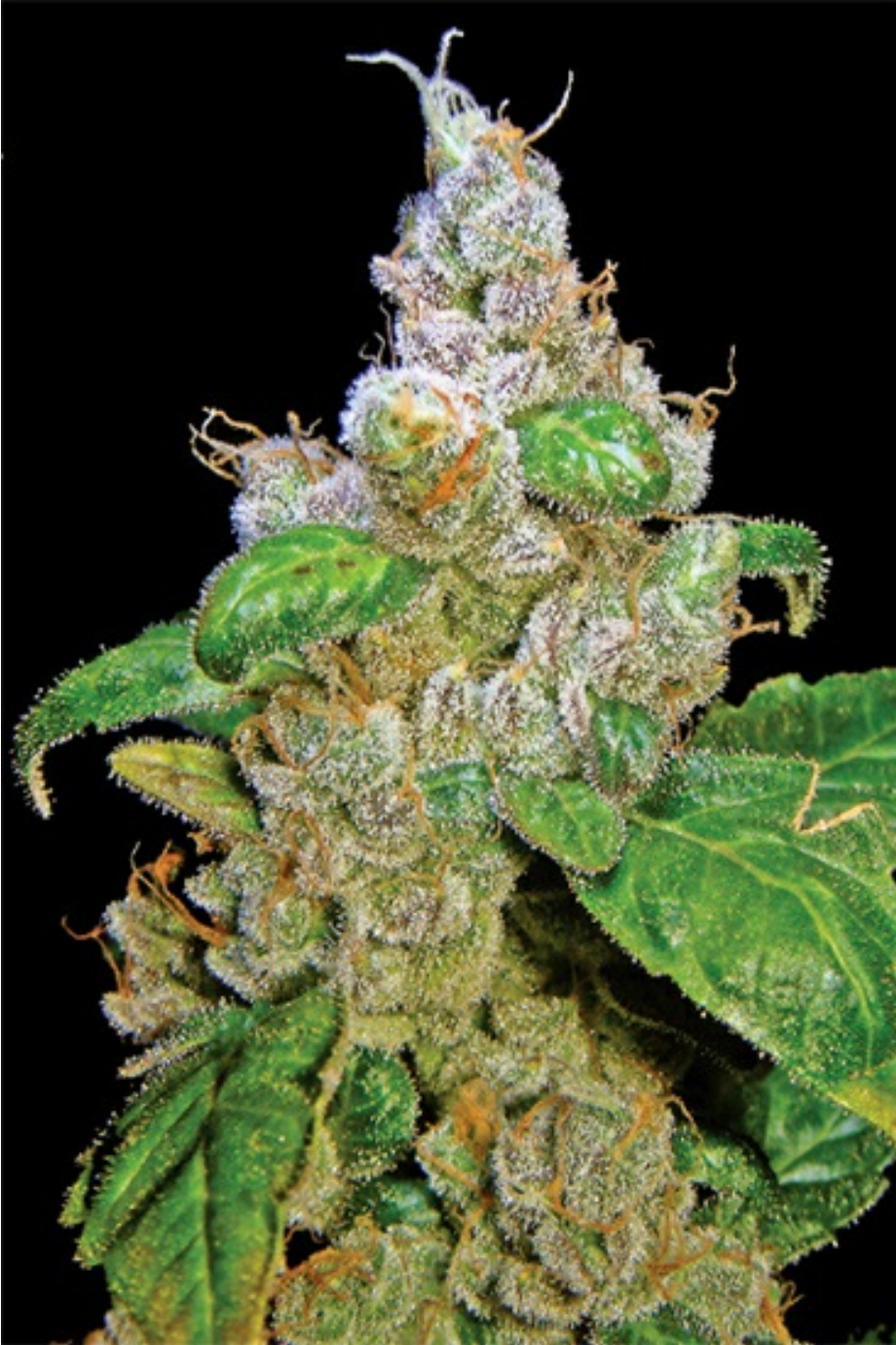
SoCal Seed Collective, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Original Diesel x ChemD

Potency: THC 19.35%
socalseedco.com

If you're a medical user, you'll find that this strain is useful for a whole host of conditions. The high is a balanced one, meaning that it will take the edge off many aches and pains that you're having while leaving you alert enough to go about your business without freaking everyone out. If your problems are more cerebral, however, you might find that SoCal Original Diesel calms your body down enough to allow you to concentrate on other things. If you're not a medical user, you'll love the buzz that comes through your body and the high that hits your head, as well as the gorgeous way the effects bounce off each other to create something truly unique. If you love Diesel, you'll love this strain.



Star Gazer

Holland's Delta 9 Labs might have been in the game longer than I've been addicted to retro Super Mario games, but they show no signs of rolling over and letting the new guys have all the fun. Quite the opposite, in fact. Star Gazer is a phenomenally fun mix of three classic strains: Sensi Star, AK-47 and Warlock. Breeding this beauty and then introducing the resulting plant to the company's superb Star Gazer male resulted in the sort of offspring that really can't be ignored – and grows up to be even more awesome than its parents.

You'll be surprised at how short and bushy this plant really is; with a maximum height of about 3.5 feet, it can certainly be suited to a closet grow as well as an outdoor or commercial grow. Good airflow is a huge benefit to this plant when grown indoors, and she prefers earth or a coco medium to less natural environments like rockwool. Automatic feeding systems, however, turn this plant into a hulk; huge, dense, and really bad to be around when it's angry.

Like a good coffee or a fine red wine, this strain has a deep, hearty flavor that's as pleasurable as the high itself. Also like the two aforementioned treats, too much can leave you less than classy; the strong high will leave you a little dribbly and making not a lot of sense.

Delta 9 Labs, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Warlock x AK-47 x Sensi Star

Potency: THC 16%

delta9labs.com





Stoned Immaculate

Immaculate is an adjective meaning “free from flaws or mistakes; perfect.” Stoned means “to be under the influence of drugs, esp. marijuana.” I’m sure you can already see why this strain, from Spain’s wonderful World of Seeds, is getting me somewhat hot under the collar. Perfectly stoned? Yes, please; I would like to be Stoned Immaculate!

World of Seeds prides itself on being based on a wide and varied collection of seeds from all over the globe; the sort of collection that most serious pot growers would cut off their own right hand just to be able to look at. This means that they have access to a plethora of unknown or forgotten strains, two of which – a Chef Chaoen with Moroccan genes and a White Widow x Jack Herer Cross – have been fantastically used to make this wonderful strain. This blend is 75% indica, can grow indoors or outdoors in an array of media and is a compact plant that you won’t find incredibly difficult to cultivate. With Moroccan genetics in the mix, more established growers might find that they can do more with the plant and enjoy the process to a greater degree, but newer growers will still be able to get some great results out of Stoned Immaculate. Its wild nature means that it has a good resistance to mold and other pests, while its indica dominance means that it enjoys a fairly short flowering time of 8 to 9 weeks, depending on your preference for harvest. If you’re an outdoor grower and you choose to grow this plant, you’ll find that your success is greater if you live in a slightly more mild climate; extreme cold will not be a friend to this little plant. Whether this plant is grown indoors or out under the natural sun, where it is slightly happier, you can expect to rake in around 500 to 600 grams per plant, which is an impressive yield in anyone’s eyes.

World of Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Chef Chaoen (Moroccan) x (White Widow x Jack Herer)

Potency: THC 15-20%
worldofseeds.eu

The taste and aroma of Stoned Immaculate is something worth investing in, so be sure to give your buds an extensive curing time to really let the flavors mature before they hit your bong. You'll recognize the delicate aroma if you've ever had good Moroccan pot before, and the taste goes even further in terms of quality and just sheer pleasantness. You'll be so consumed with appreciation of the facets of the smoke that you won't even notice the heavy, medicinal stone coming up from behind until it's already got you. Settle in for the long haul with this one, and enjoy the fact that you really will be Stoned Immaculate: perfectly stoned.



Sweet Dwarf

Spain's Advanced Seeds certainly are advancing their game; every strain that they bring out helps to cement their position as one of the foremost seed companies in the Mediterranean area – and, in fact, the whole of Europe. This ruderalis / indica cross is, like all of their auto-flowering range, a fantastic plant for guerilla growers and those working with tight space restrictions who don't want to sacrifice a killer high!

The main draw of any auto-flowering strain is its short flowering time, and Sweet Dwarf knows not to let you down here; its 60 to 70 day finish will not disappoint. Neither will its incredibly short stature, as it tops out at about 3.5 feet tall and can even be kept to about 1.5 feet if necessary. Closet growers, listen closely. Indoor growers can nurture this bad boy all year round, whereas those in colder climates would be best suited to summer growing, even though Sweet Dwarf is hardier than most of its indica or sativa peers. The expected yield is around 350 grams per square yard of grow space, so this little gal still packs a serious punch!

As the name suggests, this strain is one for those of us who love candy and a head full of fuzz. The indica influence ensures a hefty body stone, much like you get from eating too much pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving: delicious and satisfying with just a hint of regret.

Advanced Seeds, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Ruderalis x Indica

Potency: THC 12%

advancedseeds.com





Teo Cali Blue

Karmaceuticals is a popular dispensary located in Denver, Colorado, known for holding competitions for their patients and generally keeping life fun and interesting for the people they help. Far from just dispensing the likes of clones, buds and medicated gummies, they're also in the breeding game with a dedicated facility and more than a few years of growing between them. This 70% indica-dominant strain is a cross of Blueberry with an unknown plant dating back to March 2010, currently available as a clone in Colorado.

Teo Cali Blue is one of those plants that can be grown by cultivators of any experience level, but beginner growers especially will enjoy this strain's ability to bounce back from the edge of disaster as well as its capability to be cultivated in a whole host of different environments. It's especially well suited to indoor growing, as it tops out at an average of 4 feet which is pretty much perfect for your common grow room these days. However, it does tend to love colder climates, so gardeners in more temperate areas can also enjoy great success with Teo Cali Blue outdoors. SOG and ScrOG growers can count this as one of their arsenal of strains that do well in such grow systems, and both soil and hydro growers would do well with this strain. Interestingly enough, this plant has been shown to flourish in an aeroponic set up in particular, which is not a claim that many strains can make. A maturation time of just 50 days after forced flowering also makes this a great choice for those with not a lot of patience, which includes me. Towards the end of its cycle you'll see white and bluish hues start to develop on the buds and you'll begin to realize where the name of this plant comes from, but then again you might be too mesmerized by the sight of the dense, sparkling buds to really worry about that.



Karmaceuticals, LLC, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Blueberry x Unknown

Potency: THC 26.3%

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If you can bring yourself to chop down your beautiful girls you can expect over 100 grams of prime quality pot per plant. The Teo Cali Blue smoke, which is fruity and sweet, is quite a light smoke but one that will definitely make an impression. The lung-filled sweetness will give way to a very relaxing, physical stone that leaves your mind wandering but keeps your body firmly stuck where it's sat. A great toke for nighttime, or even a lazy day.



Triangle (AKA The White)

If there was a seed company name designed to make the conspiracy theorists go crazy, it would be Illuminati Seeds by Inkognyto. They sound like they could be a new government-infiltrated breeding experiment run covertly by Anonymous in some sort of mad coalition of weirdness. In reality, though, this is a USA-based breeding company of some repute, as the talented Inkognyto has a strong following throughout the States. This strain, known as Triangle, is a variation on noted breeder Krome's strain which is also known as The White, which has no relation to the famous White Widow, instead being named for the color of the finished buds, which are literally covered in trichomes.

Whether you know it as Triangle or The White, the fact of the matter is that the genetics of this three-way cross are a closely guarded secret (much like the details of the Illuminati itself ... coincidence?) but the proof is in the pudding, as they say, and this is one sweet-ass dessert. Grown indoors or outdoors, this is a relatively easy plant to cultivate, although growers with experience will be able to have more fun with Triangle than newbies. Triangle might be more suited to grow rooms that have seen a crop or two already, if you want her at her best. This is a true hybrid that's not too tall, not too small, not too quick and not too slow, with a 60-day flowering period that sits right in the sweet spot of finishing times. Your harvesting of Triangle will be an absolute joy, sitting as you will be amongst a veritable winter wonderland of frost-covered buds and snowy nugs, but be wary of the inevitable contact high that will come from dealing with such crystalline buds without gloves. Being so mashed that you can't quite figure out where your knees are might sound fun, but it's not conducive to good pruning.

Illuminati Seeds by Inkognyto, USA

Indica-Dominant

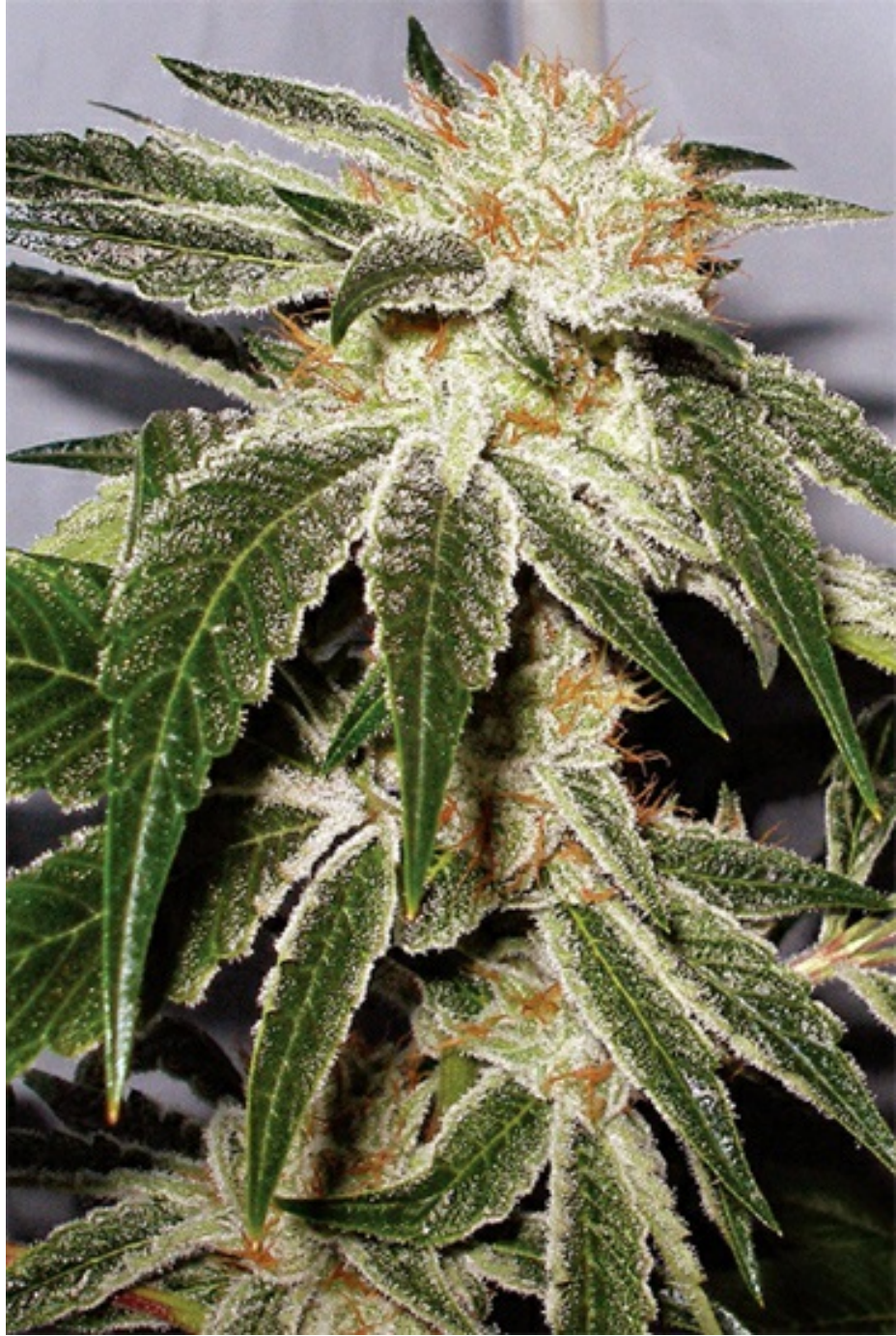
Genetics: Krome's The White

Potency: THC 17-19%

cannazon.net

seeddepot.nl

An initially balanced high that swings between heady and physical but ultimately settles into a nice, narcotic-style body stone will reward all your hard work on Triangle, and the sugary-looking buds will translate into a delightfully sweet smoke to go along with the delightful high. This is one high that's going to linger for some time, which is great news for chronic pain sufferers but might not be so good for those who've had a wake 'n bake without realizing just how much of a punch Triangle can pack. This is a real lung expander that will cause even the most seasoned of tokers to cough and hack a little, but as we all know, that just makes the fun more fun! Be ready for the high to hit you right between the eyes.



Tundra

Tundra. Even the word sounds epic. When I hear the name of this strain I think of sweeping, barren plains where the animals barely survive, of harsh conditions whose beauty belies the danger lurking round every corner of the environment. Of course, this is only because I've been getting high and watching Blue Planet too much recently. In reality, the word "tundra" refers to a geographic area in which tree growth is restricted by low temperatures and short growing seasons. This term has been quite brilliantly used to name this plant, which, as the guys at Dutch Passion know, in fact flourishes in such conditions. Grow Tundra on a tundra, and you'll still bring in an immense harvest, thanks to its ruderalis genetics and its indica heritage. Think of it as the Bear Grylls of the plant world; attractive, butch and seemingly unkillable.

Tundra is a blend of Passion #1 and ruderalis genetics, with both of these parents bringing the sort of survivalist tendencies that you usually see in crazy ex-marines with an authority complex. Passion #1 is a particularly brilliant outdoor strain, and its offspring isn't letting the family down. Both work best in situations where lesser strains might wilt and die, and Tundra especially has never met a short growing season it didn't like. Finishing anywhere from 8 to 11 weeks, this plant tends to linger at around 3.5 feet tall and doesn't like to get much taller, although it will if you really, really want it to. Due to its hardiness and forgiving nature, this can be a good strain with which to test out a hydro system, as it won't fall over and die as soon as your pH goes a bit wonky. It also isn't fussy about its lighting, thanks to the ruderalis genetics. Not only will it flower whenever the hell it sees fit, it can also do well in relatively low light situations; 3 plants under a 400-watt HPS will still give you a damn good yield. Outdoor growers in darker, colder climates will also find that this trait helps them out. You should expect slow growth at first with a serious spurt later on, and towards the end of flowering you might have to offer up some help to the branches to hold the weight of the buds, although they'll only accept it grudgingly and later they'll tell their

friends that they only did it to make you feel useful.

Dutch Passion, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Passion #1 x Ruderalis

Potency: THC 6-12%

dutch-passion.nl

While an average harvest might be between 40 and 50 grams per plant, with optimal conditions your final yield can be more like 90 grams and up. The high is normally heavy with a strong citrus taste, but of course, Tundra makes the decisions around here, so the best thing to do is just try and stay in its good books ... or sleep with one eye open.



Underground Pink Kush

Although the Dr. Underground seed company is only a few years old, they're doing business like they've been in it since the beginning, and the strains that they put out smack of quality no matter where you're standing. The genetics of this strain come from an old Reeferman Pink Kush stock saved specifically for these guys several years ago, and the fact that they've fished it from obscurity and made it wonderful once again is something we all have to thank them for.

This line of genetics has been guarded for many years, not in any small part due to its amazing flavor and the type of resin production that you rarely see these days. Unlike older versions of Pink Kush, Underground Pink Kush isn't too fussy when it comes to feeding but it might take a more experienced grower to really nurture everything that this strain is able to give. Around week 8 or 9 this strain experiences crazy vegetative death, meaning that the plant can look very yellowed and the leaves can die, causing any grower to freak the hell out and reach into their pocket to call the cannabis 911. Can you imagine the ambulance that they'd send over? Snoop Lion would probably be driving. Anyway, this is perfectly normal behavior for this strain – although it certainly won't look it – and your buds will be fine and healthy beneath all the freaky-looking leaves. If you manage to maintain your composure amongst all this madness and just stay confident that the plants will be okay, you can expect to experience a gorgeous 10 to 11 weeks of flowering. Outdoors, this translates to a maturity date of around late November, and this period should not be cut short for any reason, lest you end up losing some quality stash and be left with a smoke that wasn't allowed to properly mature. That would just be silly.

Dr. Underground, Spain

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Reeferman's Pink Kush

Potency: THC 15-17%
drunderground.com

The yield of this strain can be absolutely huge if you treat your plants well and don't lose your shit around week 9. The buds will be covered in pink hairs as well as resin, and the flavor and taste when you finally smoke it up is almost as beautiful as the nugs themselves. If you're smart, you'll make some killer finger hash or even a nice chunk of bubble hash for yourself (and maybe a few close friends if they're lucky), and then you'll smoke that hash through a nice clean bong to savor every gorgeous facet of this fascinating strain. It's been guarded for a long time, and once you've tasted it, you'll understand why – and you'll put a padlock on your stash box as well.



Wappa

Paradise Seeds are one of the elder statesmen groups of the Dutch seed-breeding game. They've been growing and breeding longer than I've been burning my lips trying to get the very end of a roach, and they've got a pretty impressive back catalog to attest to that. Chances are that at least one of your joints has been a Paradise Seeds joint, and chances are that you absolutely loved it. They often keep their genetics close to their chest, but people are often so bowled over by the pure pleasure of the smoke that they don't even care. I definitely don't.

Wappa is a very strong indica variety that grows in a particularly squat structure. Indoor growers will find this plant incredibly suitable for their needs, as both its size and style of growing lend themselves well to small spaces. A good deal of side branching also means that if you're looking for a plant to try out a SOG system with, Wappa might be a fantastic choice to experiment on. If you force Wappa to flower at around 1 foot tall, she will only ever reach 2 feet at full maturity, but she will produce big, fat, chunky buds with not much leaf and a hell of a lot of power. Any energy that you take away from growth will go towards making the buds fat, full and utterly delicious-looking, so don't be afraid to keep these babies small. Despite the short stature of Wappa, there must be a good dose of sativa influence in there somewhere, as the flowering period is far longer than the 6 weeks that pure indicas normally require. If you can survive the 9-week flowering period without salivating yourself to death whilst staring longingly at the growing buds, then you're in for a hell of a harvest!

Paradise Seeds, Holland

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: Special Skunk x Afghani

Potency: THC 21.7%

paradise-seeds.com

I can only imagine that this strain is called Wappa because it's a bit of a whopper; straight to the face with a strong, lingering high. This is the kind of effect that true, stereotypical stoners have always been looking for; one that sits your ass right down and allows you to while away an entire weekend, coming out of it not entirely sure what you did or didn't do for the previous two days but with the distinct feeling that you enjoyed it. Inexperienced smokers might find this strain somewhat of a confusing one, because even when you light it up, take in its strawberry shortcake aromas and slowly inhale its delicious smoke, it doesn't feel like it's going to bring on the sort of body buzz that makes you feel like a minor earthquake is happening in your immediate vicinity. It feels like it might be a flop. And yet true potheads will see the signs and know what's coming: one truly stellar stone. The fruity, sugary taste provides a buffer for the impending stone, but get yourself comfy – this is going to be a long one!



William's Wonder

I'm a bit of a sucker for funny company names, even when the joke is treacherously close to being a dad joke, so it's no surprise that the name of this seed company, SickMeds Seeds, brings up a juvenile little giggle in me. These guys, as you might have guessed, specialize in strains for those for whom smoking isn't just an enjoyable pastime, but a necessary part of their day. Whether you need to get rid of pain, to get some more energy, or just need to get out of bed in the morning, SickMeds are guaranteed to have a strain that will do whatever you need it to and then some. William's Wonder is a classic strain that's been preserved from the Super Sativa Seed Club original and that has been saved from near extinction by these guys after Reeferman's excellent version fell out of circulation. Good work, SickMeds.

As a result of two indica parents, William's Wonder is a fantastic pure indica strain that grows as stereotypically as you would imagine a pure indica grows. However, it is, for the most part, a strictly indoor plant. Indoor growers will absolutely love it for its structure, its vigor and its yield, but if you really are desperate to cultivate this plant outdoors, then it can be done with a bit of effort. You'll need to carry your William's Wonder crop right to the beginning of the flowering stage in an indoor set up, then carefully transplant to finish the crop outdoors. This is fraught with all sorts of potential troubles and is a huge strain on the plants, so unless you're really committed for a specific reason, it's not really worth the hassle. Indoors, however, you're pretty much guaranteed that this kid is going to perform like a dream. It grows fast and strong, with buds that are so weighty they could be used as heavy artillery in the event of a police raid or attempted robbery. Its resin production is second to none, leaving your buds almost literally dripping with the stuff. Experienced growers can yield up to 500 grams per square yard of grow space.

SickMeds Seeds, USA

Indica-Dominant

Genetics: William's Wonder x William's Wonder (SSSC Stock)

Potency: THC 20.5%

sickmeds.com

As well as feeling like they're made out of lead or gold or one of those crazy new metals that they always talk about in New Scientist, your William's Wonder buds will stink to high hell and back again. It's all lemon candy and spice, until you smoke them up and the sweetness kicks in. In terms of medical uses, those with depression, anxiety, nausea, insomnia and any type of eating disorder will find that William's Wonder is a great help to them, while recreational tokers might never go back to normal pot once they've tried this strain.



Yumbolt

Sagarmatha Seeds have got many years of breeding and growing under their belts; probably more years than they'd care for us to mention. Anyway, it's no surprise to see these guys playing around with some Californian Afghani genetics from the 1970s, as they have always done fantastic work with classic plants. This Yumbolt is the favorite of many an old-school toker, and with Sagarmatha at the helm it's primed to get many more younger fans very soon.

Although these genetics were originally thought to have come from the Himalayas, they are perfectly suited to life on a California mountainside and are especially partial to some great quality U.S. soil. On average, a Yumbolt plant will grow to around 3.5 feet tall whether it's inside or out, and the frosty buds will have you salivating as soon as the flowering period comes around. You can expect to harvest a solid 340 grams from an indoor plant and more from one that basks in the warm sun and fresh breeze of the great outdoors.

A Sagarmatha Yumbolt even tastes like the Californian sunshine; sweet, warm and with a little bit of tang, the flavor melts right down your throat as it makes its way to your lungs. This gives a high stone that makes you feel dreamy, cuddly and much like the inside of a pillow.

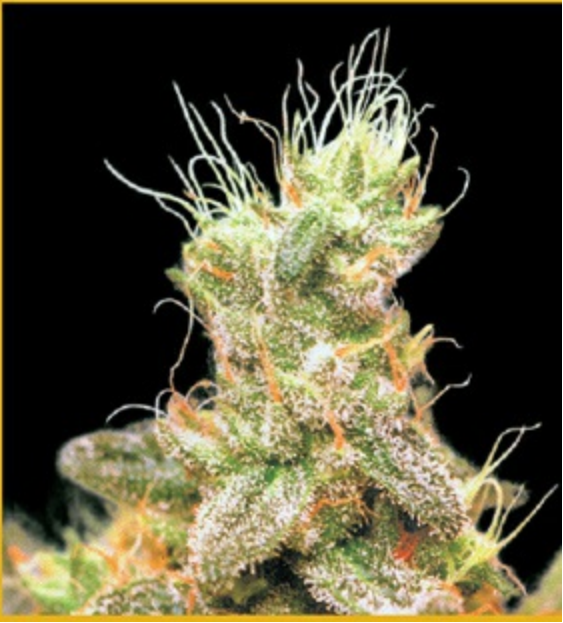
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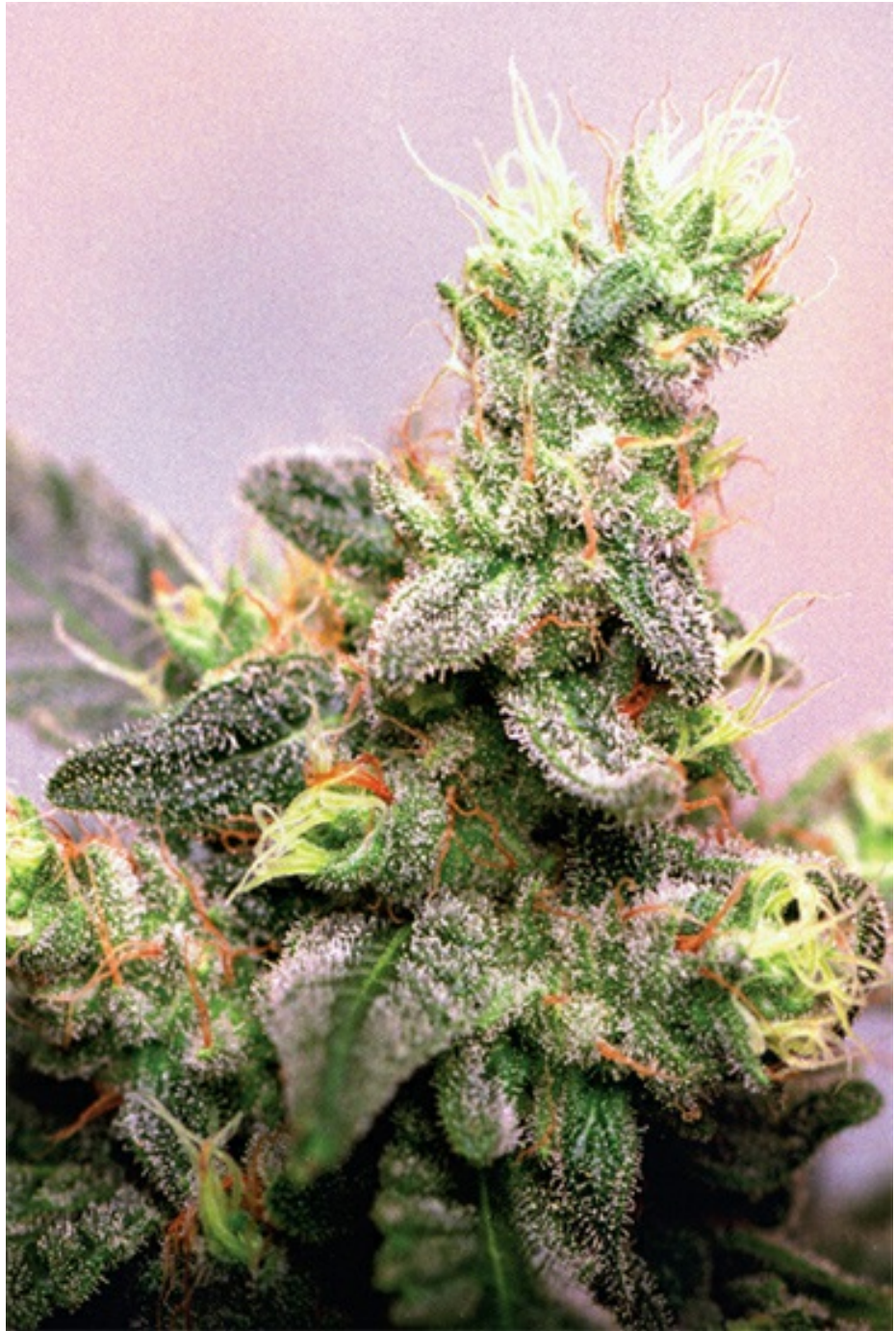
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: 1970s Californian Afghani

Potency: THC 15-17%

sagarmatha.nl





Zuri Widow

Spain's Genehtik Seeds might pose a challenge when it comes to spelling their name right, but they certainly don't make it difficult to find a brilliant strain amongst their arsenal of genetics. Since the late 90s these guys have been hanging on to their favorite strains and rare genetics like a nerd hoards pristine-condition Star Wars figurines, and in the time since then they've been playing around and coming up with some modern classics of their own. Dedicated to stabilized varieties and quality seeds, Genehtik Seeds do a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure their plants are top shelf. This cross between a fantastic White Widow plant and a secret strain of their own making certainly sets the bar pretty high for those new to this company, meaning that they're going to have to pull out some real corkers in the future!

The secret strain so protected by the breeders is sativa in origin, meaning that this indica-dominant plant has a hefty dose of sativa genetics in there, too. However, this doesn't affect the plant's short structure, and it remains a stocky, bushy strain that won't get too tall even in the flowering stage. If grown outdoors, however, Zuri Widow can branch out a little wider, making it almost indistinguishable from many other plants and therefore almost perfect for a guerilla grow! It also lends itself to a whole range of grow techniques, from a totally organic outdoor soil grow to an SOG, but you might find that an aeroponic set up with carbon dioxide injections brings out the very best that this strain has to offer. The buds will flower in a gorgeous shade of white, making your grow room look as if someone's getting married in there; and isn't that a wedding that we'd all love to go to, with a dimebag for a party favor? Such crusted buds are a treat in themselves, but when you harvest up to 500 grams per square yard of grow room after a measly 60 days of flowering, they take on a whole new level of awesome.

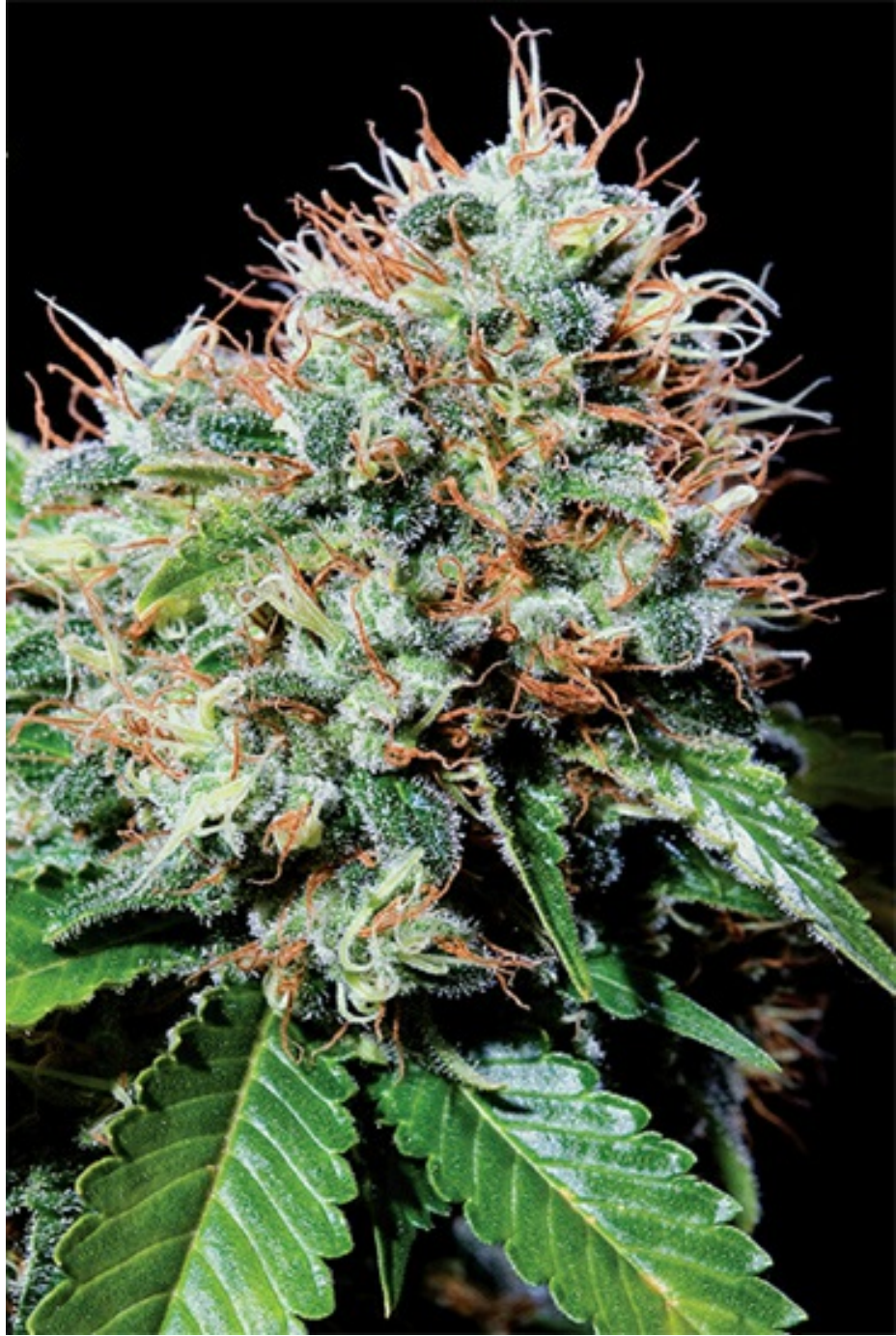
Genehtik Seeds, Spain
Indica-Dominant

Genetics: White Widow x Unknown Strain

Potency: THC 15.27%

genehtik.com

Much like a bouquet from the aforementioned wedding, Zuri Widow has a very bright, floral aroma and a taste that's extremely fruity. The high resin production means it's a great one from which to make bubble hash, and the nicely balanced head and body high means that the hash effect will be both manageable and fuzzy. This beauty is one of those strains that seems like it's quite mild before really hitting you full on and making you immediately desperate for an entire Sara Lee chocolate gateau or a stuffed crust pizza with five different types of cheese on it. I recommend either one of these, but certainly not both, otherwise that fruity taste will be somewhat more vomity.



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