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Colourwave® **Kazari®** and **Tapien®**

Verbena hybrid

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Carpets of colour that don't mind the heat of summer



Above: Kazari® Scarlet Surprise

remarkable garden performance took a couple of seasons to prove; but now these leading hybrids are established in gardens from Hobart to far north Queensland.

When the first **Kazari®** and **Tapien®** hybrids were sold in Australia during the late 1990's, they were the first plants of their type to be propagated by cuttings, rather than seed. At the time, many in the greenlife industry commented that the higher production costs associated with cuttings, compared to seed, would make Kazari® and Tapien® hybrids too expensive, and would not last in the marketplace. After more than 15 years, new Kazari® and Tapien® hybrids are still being introduced to the market! Their

So what makes Kazari® and Tapien® hybrids so reliable in the garden? In short, it's the hybrid vigour that is often created naturally when plants are hybridised during the plant breeding process. This 'hybrid vigour' can have many benefits, and for Kazari® and Tapien® those benefits include; significantly improved resistance to the fungus disease powdery mildew (which *verbena* was especially susceptible), improved branching habit which lead to increasing the amount of flowers, and a greater ground covering capability. Over time new flower colours have been added to the ranges, however all new hybrids must display the unique performance characteristics that changed the way *verbena* is now used by gardeners, both amateur and professional, right across Australia.

The main difference between Kazari® and Tapien® is that Kazari® hybrids have broad leaves, while Tapien® hybrids have narrow leaves. Kazari® also has larger flowers and are available in a wider range of flower colours.

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