

# Albuca spiralis 'Frizzle Sizzle'

**Origin:** Originally created in the Netherlands but species is from South Africa

**Habit:** Upright; Strong, sturdy plants and stems (differs from species in this aspect), Short, thick spiraling leaves

**Growth Rate:** Rapid bulb development-differs from species in this aspect. Small bulb will grow into a quart size pot in one growing season!

**Size:** 20cm x 15cm (7" x 5" h x w)

**Flowers:** Fragrant Flowers, soft yellow in color Single, star shaped flowers in a single terminal raceme-about 10-20 flowers per inflorescence. Vanilla/Olive scented flowers in May/June and re-blooms in fall

**Hardiness:** 33 degrees Fahrenheit to 104 degrees Fahrenheit. BUT, we have overwintered them in our trial gardens in Colbert, GA with no problem and they have tolerated 24 degrees Fahrenheit, though they were not as lush and large once overwintered. Wet winter conditions will reduce survival - hardy to zone 8.

**Light:** Full to partial sun. Higher light produces tighter curls and low light and wet soils produce floppy leaves and potential rot.

**Water:** Excellent drainage and allow to dry thoroughly between watering.

**Soil:** Needs low fertility

**Pest/ Disease Management:** No pest or disease issues



**Grow Time:** 12 weeks into a 10 to 12cm pot in 65-75F soil temp; warmer = faster

**Orientation:** bulb must be planted upright with basal plate facing down

**Depth:** plant so that the tip is showing through the soil after watering in – DO NOT PLANT DEEP

**Fertilizer:** medium fertility EC: 1.2-1.3 constant liquid feed

**Water:** allow soil to dry between irrigations

**Spacing:** space pots before leaves begin to grow into one another

**Light:** Grow in high light environment

**TIPS:** high light and dry growing are required for optimum performance. Low light and excessive moisture will cause soft, floppy, non-curlly leaves to form. Bulbs may be planted outdoors in the spring when the soil temperature reaches 50 degrees Fahrenheit.