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## Jalafuego Hot Pepper

***Capsicum annuum 'Jalafuego'***



*Jalafuego Hot Pepper fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Jalapeno

**Description:**

Easy to grow and high yielding, this selection produces one of the hottest jalapenos out there; extra large, glossy dark green fruit ripens to bright red; perfect for pickling, freezing, stuffing and salsas; superb disease and crack resistance

**Edible Qualities**

Jalafuego Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large dark green oblong peppers (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a fiery taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Pickling
- Freezing

**Planting & Growing**

Jalafuego Hot Pepper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Jalafuego Hot Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.