Iris Germanic, commonly called German Iris, is the presumed father of most modern bearded iris cultivars, of which there are now thousands to enjoy. German Iris has no bulb, as it spreads by creeping rhizomes that form large clumps over time. There are now so many cultivars to choose from that it is often difficult to decide which variety you like best. They perennialize and naturalize very well, with little to no effort. Bearded Iris bloom descriptions consist of falls, beards, and standards and become quite technical, especially by iris lovers. They are showy, fragrant perennials that are both deer and drought resistant.

**VanZyverden’s**

**BEARDED IRIS FIREBREATHER**

- Unique color
- Drought resistant
- Summer blooming
About This Variety: Firebreather is a superb variety that was chosen for its unique coloring.

Growing Instructions: Best planted in fall before danger of frost. Dig a hole to the required depth. Plant rhizomes horizontally so that the top is about half an inch above soil level. Place the tops of the rhizomes where they are exposed and roots are spread facing downward. Firm soil and then water to settle soil. In hot areas of the country, they can be planted just below the soil level. Initially water deeply during periods of drought.

Care Tip: Mulch in extreme climates. After flowering, cut out the flower stalk, leaving the foliage. To prolong optimal results, they may need to be dug, divided, and replanted every 3-6 years.

Exposure: Full sun to partial shade
Height: Grows 30-36” tall
Spacing: Plant 12-24” apart, 0.5-1” deep
USDA Zones: Hardy in USDA zones 4-10