

Sports of Spartacus



What is the meaning of a dahlia 'sport'?

If is when you have a nice red dahlia- like Spartacus and then one of its arms puts out a nice lavender bloom-like Vassio Meggos . You'll have a "sport", if you take cuttings from that arm, grow it, winter them over & plant the tubers from them, grow them 4-5 years & they don't revert back to the original or change in any way you have a stable sport & can introduce it as such. However, sometimes even a sport that has been around a few years will revert back to the original.

Article about Steve Meggos, from Chicago Herald, where he says he chemically stresses the tuber to get them to grow sports (a secret process): <https://www.dailyherald.com/article/20120730/entlife/707299981/>

Note: The last 2 in the table below look like repeats. As far as I can tell, these were cultivated in Europe and now are back in the USA being sold. I don't see Bohemian Spartacus or Spartacus Geel on the ADS classification website and all the rest are listed. This may mean they are not stable sports or they are too close to the existing variants? (I wouldn't buy these, since I rather support the ADS listed ones)

Spartacus	Vassio Meggos	Harvey Koop	Louie Meggos	Steve Meggos
Edna C	John Meggos	JS Butterscotch (variegated with a pale red blush)	Bohemian Spartacus - (looks a lot like John Meggos)	Spartacus Geel – (looks exactly like Edna C)