

Montgomery Robbins Showcases the Beauty and Resilience of Flowering Vines in Luxury Landscape Design

Northern California landscape architecture firm, Montgomery Robbins, highlights climbing plants as a defining vertical element in refined outdoor environments.

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We want to get to know you – your lifestyle, aesthetic, and dreams for your space – so we can create a one-of-a-kind retreat designed just for you.”

John Montgomery

a luxury residential landscape architecture firm based in Northern California, announces a renewed focus on [flowering vines](#) as a signature vertical planting strategy in high-end landscape design. As homeowners continue to seek layered, immersive outdoor spaces, vines are becoming an influential design element—adding softness, seasonality, and architectural expression to trellises, garden walls, arbors, fences, and outdoor living structures.

“Flowering vines are one of the most transformational plantings you can include in a luxury garden,” said John Montgomery, Founding [Landscape Architect](#) at Montgomery Robbins, Inc. “They bring architecture to life, create destination moments, and carry the garden upward—adding fragrance, texture, and romance to the landscape.”

Flowering vines contribute to the landscape in ways few other plants can. Whether used to frame an entry, soften a long fence line, or cascade from a pergola, they introduce structure, scale, and seasonal interest—especially in spring when many begin their most dramatic bloom period.

Among the firm’s preferred selections are clematis varieties, admired for their spring floral display and striking range of forms and colors. Traditional cultivars such as *Clematis jackmanii* offer deep violet blooms, while varieties like ‘Niobe’ provide rich wine tones for more dramatic garden palettes. Hybrid forms such as *Clematis montana* are known for their smaller, fragrant flowers admired by pollinators, making them a favorite where ecological and aesthetic goals align. Evergreen forms such as *Clematis armandii* provide year-round presence and are especially suited for trellises or privacy screening.

Another standout recommendation includes Hardenbergia, often referred to as "Happy Wanderer"—a vigorous evergreen vine native to Australia. Known for wisteria-like blooms and remarkable drought tolerance once established, Hardenbergia thrives in full sun and pairs well with California Casual planting styles.

More unexpected options include Akebia, also known as chocolate vine, recognized for its pendant burgundy blooms and captivating fragrance. While aggressive in wetter climates, it performs well in Northern California gardens where rainfall is seasonal and controlled irrigation allows thoughtful management.

For larger architectural structures such as pergolas and arbors, the firm recommends iconic species like wisteria and honeysuckle, both valued for scent, presence, and seasonal spectacle. Wisteria, while vigorous, rewards proper placement and care with cascading flowers and unmatched visual drama. Honeysuckle—including varieties like *Lonicera sempervirens*, 'Goldflame,' and compact selection 'Peaches and Cream'—offers exceptional fragrance and adaptability in full sun or partial shade.

"Vines aren't just decorative—they add definition," added Montgomery. "When thoughtfully chosen and positioned, they create layered scale, soften hard structures, support biodiversity, and give the garden a sense of history and permanence. They become part of the story."

Montgomery Robbins places each plant based on habit, growth pattern, climate tolerance, and architectural context to ensure longevity, sustainability, and beauty in the Northern California landscape.

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