

Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

Agave– Agave
(Uhh-GAHV-ee)

FAMILY: Agavaceae

ORIGIN: Mexico

HABIT: basal rosette

SIZE: Up to 4' tall and wide

HARDINESS: Very tolerant of sun, cold, and dry air

CULTURE: Well drained mix

INTERIOR USE: Floor specimen or conservatory potted plant

FOLIAGE: 1-4' long slender leaves most with dangerously sharp spines on the tip

FLOWERS: Spiky inflorescence marks the end of the life of that plant. Basal pups form.

PROPAGATION: Division and seed

PESTS/DISEASES: Mealybug, scale

CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Agave americana* 'Medio-picta'—variegated
Agave victoriae-reginae—Queen agave
Agave paryii—very hardy species
Agave attenuata—spineless
Agave tequilana —Tequila-agave

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