If there was an AAS category for an edible plant with ornamental value, this AAS Winner would fit that classification. Dolce Fresca produces sweet tender leaves that outshone the comparison varieties while maintaining an attractive, compact shape that’s both versatile and beautiful. Use the leaves as you would any Genovese basil and we hear it makes an excellent pesto. After harvest, the plant was quick to recover and kept the desired ornamental shape that’s perfect for containers, borders or as a focal point. Great for gardeners looking for drought tolerant, hearty plants, foodies interested in a new and better basil and anyone who wants that Mediterranean taste added to their cuisine.

**AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** Ocimum basilicum  
**Common name:** Sweet basil  
**Plant color:** Green  
**Plant type:** Annual  
**Plant height:** 12 to 14 inches  
**Plant width/spread:** 10 to 12 inches  
**Plant habit:** Semi-dwarf bushy  
**Garden location:** Full sun  
**Garden spacing:** 10 to 12 inches  
**Length of time to harvest:** 2 to 3 months from sowing, 1 to 2 months from transplanting  
**Closest comparisons on market:** Italian Large Leaf, Minette