## **ALIEN OG**



Although it has roots in California's very own OG Kush, Alien OG is an out-of-this-world strain with a reputation all its own. This *sativa-leaning* hybrid was created by seed company *The Cali Connection* as a cross between *Tahoe OG Kush* (itself a phenotype of the original OG Kush) and Cali Connection's very own indica *Alien Kush*. Alien OG offers a soaring psychedelic high with roughly equal parts cerebral stimulation and physical relaxation. Alien OG's THC content can range from *20% to as much as 28%*.

Buds of Alien OG are packaged as *small, nugget-like clusters*. Although the flowers often have a *dense, compact bud structure*, some phenotypes lean more sativa and have looser, fluffier leaves. The leaves themselves appear light green and are offset by orange to vibrant red pistils, which are structures that allow the female plants to catch pollen for fertilization. As evidenced by their high THC content, flowers of Alien OG are *resinous*, covered in trichomes that make them appear moist and frosty. This strain has a surprisingly *sweet, citrus-like smell*, with notes of *lemon* wafting up from the cured buds. There are also more subtle notes of *earth and fresh pine*. When combusted, flowers give off a *spicier, hashy scent* typical of the OG family. The smoke is lung-expanding but very smooth. Smokers may taste hashy incense and a faint tang of ammonia on the exhale. This is one pungent strain, and its odor can linger for a while after it's smoked; this might not be the right choice for any smokers trying to keep their consumption discreet.

The high from Alien OG is said to come on *quickly* as a bracing pressure behind the eyes. This head rush is accompanied by a sudden change in cognition, as thoughts race in rapid-fire association. The intensity of this cerebral effect is often determined by user's set and setting or by their individual tolerance. In cases where a smoker is able to comfortably settle into Alien OG's altered state, the high can take on psychedelic proportions: visual distortions like enhanced colors or peripheral flashes can happen, as can the trippy sensation of time moving more slowly.

Physical relaxation sets in as the high progresses, or as users consume greater amounts. This strain can be as energetic or as relaxing as smokers intend -- as easily enjoyed out among friends as it is vegging out alone. Alien OG's well-rounded high also lends itself to several medical applications. Its *euphoria* can be a boost for those struggling with *depression*, while its ever-present cerebral nature can be grounding and mindful for those with *stress, anxiety, or PTSD*. Its palpable body stone, while not immobilizing, can be helpful in relieving *chronic aches and pains and even nausea*. In high enough doses, Alien OG can even be an effective means of banishing *insomnia* and lulling users into a deep, refreshing sleep. Because of its "racey" properties, however, this strain can sometimes lead to a kind of *paranoid*, *recursive thinking* for smokers who are inexperienced or prone to anxiety.

Alien OG's creators at Cali Connection have made seeds of the strain available for sale. It is a moderately difficult grow, and may not be the best for newcomers to cultivation. **Better grown indoors than out**, this strain is known to have trouble developing a root system, and may require potting with rockwool and a significant amount of nutrients when first planted. The short, bushy plants may also require **topping**, by trimming large fan leaves in order to allow light and air to reach flowering nodes on the lower branches. Alien OG flowers within **8 to 9 weeks** when grown indoors and offers an **average yield**.

Once they've harvested, growers should also take care to properly cure their flowers to preserve this strain's high composition of THC. Curing is a two-stage process that involves first hanging flowers upside down for **7-10 days in a room with 50% humidity** and a **temperature of 70 degrees** Fahrenheit; and then, once stems snap easily off the flowers, sealing the buds in clean, airtight jars in a space that maintains **70-degree temperatures and 60-65% humidity**.

Like parent strain Alien Kush, Alien OG has certain mind-bending properties that make it an attractive strain for potentially trippy activities like nature walks, music appreciation, or just intense conversation. Its great taste and balanced high make it a welcome addition to the ever-expanding OG family.