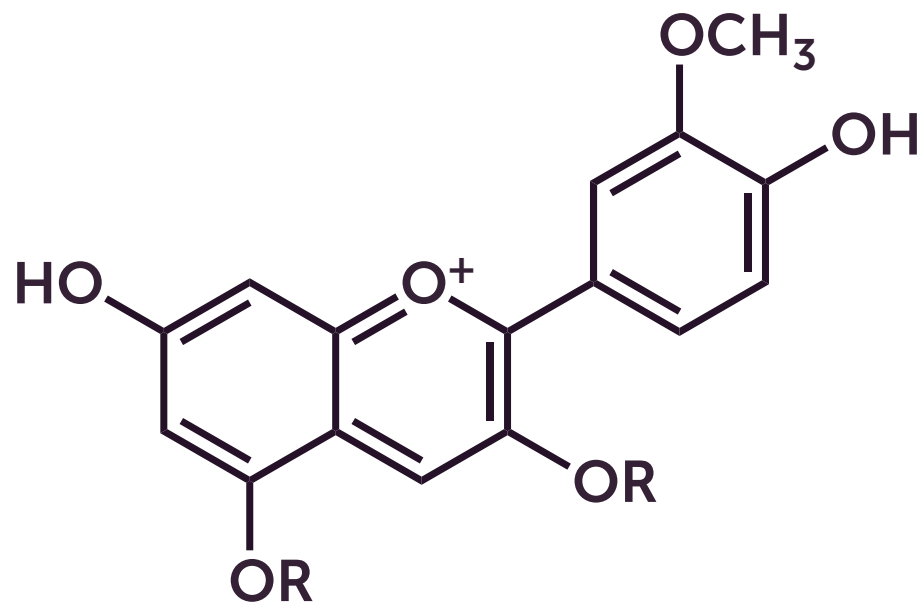


THE COLOUR OF PEONIES



PEONIN

R = glucose



The colour of peonies comes from the anthocyanin pigment peonin, which is also found in some roses. Peonin is a pH sensitive compound, and changes from red in acidic conditions to blue in alkaline conditions.

