

RARE TEAS



WHITE TEA

WHITE SILVER TIP 3.9

Fuding, Fujian Province, China

Exceptionally pure and natural, white silver tips undergo the least processing retaining higher levels of antioxidants than other teas. Delicate, clean and sweet with the aroma of freshly cut grass.

WHITE PEONY 4

Fuding, Fujian Province, China

A pure white China tea - also known as Bai Mu Dan. Entirely hand-crafted from tender spring buds and fresh new leaves. This subtle tea has a gentle sweetness with grassy notes and a delicate hint of apricot.

JASMINE SILVER TIP 4.6

Fuding, Fujian Province, China

A delicate white tea crafted entirely from spring buds.

The tea is not flavoured but carefully scented over six consecutive nights with fresh jasmine flowers. Once the preserve of only the Chinese Imperial family. A deep and heady aroma with a light and gentle flavour.

GREEN TEA

LONGJING DRAGONWELL 4.4

Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China

Picked in the early Spring before the first rains, Long Jing is the taste of spring, the first green tips of the year and hand-pressed into the shape of a feather. The tea has stunning flavours of fresh grass and asparagus with a smooth, nutty finish of hazelnut. Combined with a soft and round mouthfeel and a long, honeyed sweetness it is sublime tea.

EMERALD GREEN 4

Anhui, China

Also known as Mao Feng in Chinese. The leaves are painstakingly hand rolled by masters resulting in tiny orbs of an extraordinarily fine green tea. Soft hay with notes of apricots and an elegant and lingering buttery finish.

SENCHA 5.2

Shizuoka, Japan

Crafted by Moriuchi-san - one of the most revered tea-masters in Japan on his 200 year-old tea garden. The tea is crafted on this tiny estate by Moriuchi-san with his wife and daughter. This sencha is remarkably complex and deep. It has a rich mouthfeel with bright buttery notes of asparagus.

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BLACK TEA

- SINGLE ESTATE ENGLISH BREAKFAST** 3.7
Satemwa Estate, Shire Highlands, Malawi
Hand-crafted black tea blended from harvests across a small, independent estate in the Shire Highlands. The oldest tea estate in Malawi and still family run. Deep, rich and malty, it has notes of caramel and burnt sugar. Delicious black, becoming sweet and chocolaty with the addition of milk.
- KEEMUN** 4
Anhui Province, China
Sweet, delicately black tea. Soft, round and wonderfully rich with notes of caramel, fresh straw, chocolate and soft distant smoke from charcoal roasting. Keemun became popular in the UK in the 19th century and soon became one of the most favoured teas to grace our tables.
- EARL GREY** 3.9
Satemwa Estate, Malawi and Reggio Calabria, Italy
A traditional Earl Grey blended with single estate black tea and pure bergamot oil. This is a classic British tea made to exacting standards. A clean and exceptionally bright infusion with exhilarating citrus notes. It can be enjoyed with or without milk, or a twist of lemon zest.
- EMPERORS BREAKFAST** 4.1
Wuyi Mountains, Fujian Province, China
A rare China tea crafted by masters to produce an astonishingly sweet black tea. Made from very young and tender spring leaves and golden buds that have been carefully kept whole during hand-rolling. It is remarkably smooth with flavours of rich toffee and chocolate. This tea is best enjoyed black with nothing added.
- TARRY LAPSANG SOUCHONG** 4.2
Wuyi Mountains, Fujian Province, China
Tarry Lapsang Souchong is a rich, peaty black tea, smoked using traditional wood fires. A particularly full flavoured tea, this 'bonfire in a cup' can be enjoyed with or without milk.
- CLOUD TEA** 4.4
LaKysiew Garden, Meghalaya, India
A fragrant black tea from the "Abode of Clouds" – high in the cloudy hills between Assam and Darjeeling. Light and floral as a Darjeeling with the rich caramel and malty notes you get from the best Assam. This harvest has exceptional notes of apricot. Best served without milk.

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OO LONG TEA

GOLDEN LILY MILK OOLONG

5.2

Taitung, Taiwan

An aromatic Taiwanese (Formosa) Oolong tea with a smooth, creamy texture. Sweet and grassy with soft floral notes leading to a deep verdant finish. Crafted from a rare cultivar renowned for its succulent, milky texture.

PU-ERH TEA

LEAFY PU-ERH

4.8

Satemwa Estate, Shire Highlands, Malawi

"Imagine you are in the middle of the forest, it's raining softly. You are sheltering under tall, broad trees. You can smell the wet grass beneath your feet. In a clearing, there is a little wooden house. Rain is dripping from the wooden roof into a deep, wooden barrel. You cup your hands and dip them into the silky water..."

CASCARA

- the caffeinated 'husk' or cherry of the coffee bean. It is more akin to a dried fruit, the pulp from around the bean is collected and dried into these lovely little coffee cherries

SATEMWA CASCARA

4.4

Satemwa Estate, Shire Highlands, Malawi

A deep, rich and strong, red infusion with flavours of hibiscus, liquorice and root beer. It has a rich, nutty, sweet aroma with a gently balanced bitterness as the flavour develops. Quite highly caffeinated despite the soft flavour. The pruning of the tea bushes and any waste fibre of tea products is used to protect the roots of the coffee bushes from water evaporation and weeds. They are bedded between the coffee plants protecting the soil - a truly nurturing relationship.

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INFUSIONS

CORNISH PEPPERMINT

4

Tregothnan Estate, Cornwall, UK

A rare English peppermint grown on the private botanical garden of the Tregothnan Estate. Counter-intuitively, the menthol oils infuse more easily from the dried leaf, giving a brighter, cleaner flavour than fresh mint. This truly remarkable and unique peppermint is a wonderful end to a meal.

WILD ROOIBOS

3.9

Cederberg Mountains, South Africa

The real South African Red Bush. Beyond organic, this Rooibos is harvested completely wild in its indigenous habitat in the Cederberg Mountains. A richly delicious infusion with deep earthy notes, bright red berries and cedar. Can be beautifully enhanced by the addition of a twist of lemon zest.

HIBISCUS FLOWERS

3.8

A delicious herbal infusion made from the beautiful red petals of Hibiscus Sabdariffa. These whole hibiscus flowers produce a beautiful tea, raspberry red in colour. The flavour is rich in berries, slightly tart, but with a cranberry sweet finish.

SRI LANKAN LEMONGRASS

4

Amba Estate, Sri Lanka

This uniquely complex and full-bodied lemongrass is made using the tender leaf rather than the woody base. It is grown in a remote mountain tea garden above the Ravanna Falls. A rich and exceptionally bright herbal infusion with grassy notes of fresh hay and lemon drops.

CORNISH MANUKA

4.4

Tregothnan Estate, Cornwall, UK

A unique Manuka tea made with the leaves and stem of this rare New Zealand plant. It was brought to Cornwall 200 years ago and flourishes in the soft Cornish climate. It has a light sweetness with deep woody notes and a subtle hint of ginger. The flavour is incomparable and utterly delicious.

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