



TILLERMAN TEA



Tea Notes February 2009

- February Tea of the Month -

Oriental Beauty



One of the few high grade teas to be harvested in the summer, this tea reminds us of a superior first flush Darjeeling. We are not the only ones to think so, Queen Victoria enjoyed this tea so much that when she ran out of her Darjeeling, she turned to this tea and dubbed it the “Oriental Beauty.” Black twisted leaves mixed with rich red leaves and an abundance of silver furry tips give this tea its visual appeal. The unique flavor profile is due to the way this tea is oxidized. The summer hopper bites the leaves and oxidizes the leaf on the branch. These prized leaves are then harvested and the tea production process can begin. The Chinese name for this tea is Bai Hao oolong which means “white furry tips.” For anyone who likes a fruity malty tea like Darjeeling this is a great alternative. If it was good enough for the Queen. . .

Original Price – ~~9.00~~ / 25g

After discount – 5.40 / 25g

~~36.00~~ / 100g

21.60 / 100g

40% discount off Tea of the Month

- Winter Harvest -

We have small amounts of the winter harvest from many of our Taiwanese favorites we want to share with you. The Taiwanese start their harvest a little later than the Chinese so they can push the harvest into the winter. We hope you enjoy these teas just as much as we do.

Aged Oolong Reserve



Only the highest grade oolong teas can be used for natural aging. From Tea master Chen of the Bih-lu Tea Garden, this oolong has been aged for over a decade without any firing or processing, allowing the tea to naturally develop its unique flavors. With the characteristic hints of spice still present, this tea is robust with notes of wood and toasted nuts. The amber tea broth reminds us of toasted almonds with a light smoky quality. For anyone who likes the dark robust teas, this is one for you.

Alishan Oolong Winter Harvest



This year's winter harvest from one of Taiwan's three most famous tea mountains has strong aromas of jasmine and gardenia followed by the unique cinnamon spice for which Taiwanese oolongs are known. To preserve and enhance the natural florals of this tea, the leaves have received a lower oxidization and lighter firing. We are sure you will enjoy this winter harvest from one of Taiwan's premiere tea producing mountains.

Formosa Yancha



Yancha from the Wuyi mountains is one of the most classic tea cultivars from China. Literally translated as "cliff tea," this yancha is produced from the Bihlu Tea Gardens in Taiwan. With different soil and climate, Formosa Yancha still has the characteristic "rocky" mineral taste, but it has a softer mouthfeel with a hint of spice. High oxidized and high fired, this is a nice robust tea with a wonderful complex finish, a new treat for anyone who likes the unique taste of Yancha!

Four Seasons Jade Oolong Winter Harvest



"Four Seasons" is another popular cultivar in Taiwan for producing oolong tea. Grown at a higher elevation surrounded by the high mist and humidity of the area, they harvest only three or four of the tender young leaves from each plant to make this tea. This winter harvest produced a tea with light aromas of jasmine and gardenia that balance with the tastes of bok choy and green vegetables followed by the hint of cinnamon spice.

Lishan Oolong Winter Harvest



Harvested from Lishan, one of Taiwan's most famous tea mountains, Lishan Jade Oolong is the best example of a well balanced smooth Taiwanese green oolong. Lishan means "Pear Mountain" because of the orchards of asian pear also grown in this region. The floral fruity aromas harmonize with the full bodied creamy vegetal flavors. Whether it is just the power of suggestion or something else, this tea does show hints of pear once brewed.

Organic Honey Scent Oolong Winter Harvest



High-oxidized to increase its fruity malty qualities, this curly leaf oolong from Taiwan has a robust taste with hints of honey and dried fruits. From the Bihlu Tea Gardens in Nantou county, this is another tea from Tea Master KC Chen. The dark amber tea broth and flavor profile remind us of black tea but this is still an oolong. If you like robust oolongs that will work as a breakfast tea or will pair with a rich dessert this is the perfect tea for you.

Roasted Formosa Oolong Winter Harvest



The Taiwanese are known for their floral green oolongs this is a wonderful toasted nutty winter harvest oolong from the heart of Taiwan. From the Bihlu tea gardens in Puli, tea master Chen has high-roasted a high mountain oolong to produce a rich full bodied nutty tea. Hints of the jasmine and gardenia still come through, balancing with the robust flavors of toasted almonds and a light fruity aftertaste.

- Tea Appreciation: Introduction to Tea -

Come join our Director of Tea Culture and Education, David Wong, for an introduction to tea. Taste the five major categories of tea: green, oolong, black, scented and puerh. Learn about the differences between these categories. How should you store your green tea? How should you brew black tea? What is Oolong tea? How do they scent teas? What is Puerh tea? All these questions will be answered and so much more. This tasting is free so space is limited and by a first come first serve basis. So call in or email us as soon as possible to reserve a spot for this tasting.



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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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