



TILLERMAN TEA

Tea Notes

Following our grand opening and cleansing ceremony on December 16, 2007, Tillerman Tea has now been in business for more than month. We would like to thank all of you who have enjoyed our teas and made us feel so welcome.

To celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year we have planned a day of festivities for February 10, 2008. We will begin with a traditional lion dance at noon and follow with a dim sum reception. Please join us as we celebrate one of China's and Taiwan's most important festivals. Our Taiwanese colleague, Karen Chen, is travelling from Taipei to join us for the festivities. As part of the celebrations, we also have three newly arrived teas that we would like to share with you.

Silver Needle Reserve



This is our reserve grade of one of China's most select white teas. The silver needle gets its name from the white furry tips of the tea shoot used for this tea, with each shoot resembling a silver spearhead. We were really impressed by the shape of the tea leaf and floral aromatics of this tea. White tea is not a strong robust tea but this Silver Needle has a creamy mouth feel, with notes of hay and vanilla. Don't let the light color deceive you; this tea has a long finish that will impress even the most discerning of tea drinkers.

Jasmine Pearl Reserve



Those of you who have already enjoyed our House Jasmine Pearl will truly like this reserve grade. Only the most tender white tips are used for this tea, hand-rolled then scented with fresh jasmine blossoms. The process to make high grade jasmine is very time consuming sometimes taking up to a week to produce a single batch, challenging the tea master to balance the intense aromatics with the delicate flavors of the white tea base. Once you taste this tea you will realize that not all jasmine teas are created equal.

Jasmine Snow Water



The Jasmine Snow Water uses a green tea base which gives the tea a more full-bodied taste with a grassy nutty finish. The floral aromatics balance perfectly with the tender green tea shoots, and the small white petals of the jasmine blossom. We really enjoy the complexity of this tea and can really appreciate the tea master's efforts in maintaining the balance of aromatics and flavor.

Join us soon for the New Year's celebration and the new teas as well!

Xin Nian Kuai Le 新年快乐 – Happy New Year!
David Campbell and David Wong