

Cistus tradition organic Essential oil Spain

Cistus ladaniferus var beta maculatus Dun.



Ambery
Resinous



Botanical family : Cistaceae
Method of culture : Wildcrafted controlled
Part harvested : Leafy twigs

CAS TSCA : 8016-26-0
INCI : Cistus ladaniferus oil

Specifications

Method for obtaining : Steam distillation under pression
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Appearance : Yellow to orange-yellow mobile liquid
Constituents : Alpha-pinene, camphene, Bornyl acetate

Harvest period

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The cistus is a small shrub found along the Mediterranean perimeter and which grows abundantly north of Seville, Spain. Albert Vieille established its production center near these vast swaths of cistus. From among the subspecies of *Cistus labdaniferus* L., the *maculatus* Dunal variety is used by perfumers for its ambery, resinous, balsamic notes. These shrubs have large, short-lived white flowers with a deep purple spot at the base of each petal. The flowers then give way to capsule-shaped fruits, thus the origin of their name: The Greek word *kistè* means “capsule” and refers to the shape of these fruits. Cistus has branching stems with a lacquered appearance from which grow light-green, elongated, perennial leaves. These branches, covered with secretory hairs, abundantly exude a gum that spreads its amber-like smell across the Sierra Norte hills and enables the plant to withstand the intense summer heat. Gathering is done manually from July to October, cutting the young branches gorged with gum, but only those that have grown during the past year. The plant itself is left in the ground to produce new branches the following year. Our organic Cistus Tradition essential oil is obtained by through pressurized-steam distillation in our distillation units. This plant, used in perfumery for more than 3,000 years, has potent ambery notes that vary with the product type: traditional or complete essential oil, cistus absolute, labdanum absolute and its resinoid, or labdasur, an Albert Vieille specialty.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic



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