

Orange bitter Essential oil Ivory Coast

Citrus aurantium var amara L.



Citrus



Botanical family : Rutaceae
Method of culture : Conventional
Part harvested : Pericarp

CAS TSCA : 68916-04-1
INCI : Citrus aurantium amara peel oil

Specifications

Method for obtaining : Cold expression of the fresh material
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Appearance : Green-yellow to green-brown liquid
Constituents : Limonene, myrcene

Harvest period

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The bitter orange or Saville orange tree is an aromatic tree with a variety of fragrances. The glossy, bright-green foliage has a green scent when distilled into petitgrain essential oil. Its fleshy white flowers are extracted into absolute, essential oil, and floral water, such that the orange blossom expresses the full diversity of its palette of scents. The fruit is an orange citrus fruit with bitter juice and a peel covered with oleiferous pockets filled with fragrant compounds. Grown in Côte d'Ivoire alongside bergamot trees, bitter oranges are harvested in May and June and then cold-pressed to release the essential oil from the peel. The fragrance of the essential oil is very like that of the fruit, citrusy and bitter.

The Saville orange or bitter orange tree is most likely native to Southeast Asia. Introduced in Persia and India, the Romans were not familiar with the fruit, even during the great imperial expansion. It was not until the 10th and 11th centuries that the Arabs brought the bitter orange to Mediterranean countries. Once cultivated in abundance in Grasse and in southern Spain, the sources of bitter orange eventually shifted to North Africa, the Ivory Coast, and the Americas.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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