

Labdasur Spain

Cistus ladaniferus var beta maculatus Dun.



Animalic
Ambery



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

CAS TSCA : 8016-26-0

Specifications

Method for obtaining : Derived extract from Cistus extraction
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Appearance : Amber-brown liquid
Constituents : Abietane derivatives, dioctyl azelate

Harvest period

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Set deep within our cistus fields in Almaden de la Plata, Spain, our Andalusian production unit makes a wide range of products by processing young, leafy cistus twigs: cistus essential oil, Tradition quality cistus essential oil, and cistus concrete and absolute. It is also where products are made from processing the resinous exudate: labdanum resinoid, labdanum absolute, and labdasur. A botanic version of ambergris, cistus has a surprising, multifaceted amber smell with balsamic, woody, and leathery notes. Cistus, or *Cistus ladaniferus var maculatus*, is a perennial shrub that perfumes our Mediterranean scrublands. Most of the world's manufacture of cistus/labdanum products comes from Spain. Harvesting is done manually with a sickle in the months of July and August. The young leafy twigs, rich with gum, are the plant parts that are harvested. They are grouped into small bundles for easy transport and processing. To make labdasur, the labdanum gum must be recovered from the twigs by dipping the fagots for several minutes in hot carbonated water. Once the bundles are removed, acid is added to recover what is known as the "raw" gum. This is then dewatered and dried to obtain a moisture content of <10%. The labdasur is obtained from a mixture of labdanum gum and resinoid (from an ethanolic extraction of the gum). The acid fraction of this mixture is isolated after an alkaline wash, re-acidification, and distillation. This process yields a product with potent animalic notes.

All parts of the cistus plant exude a brown, glutinous gum known as labdanum, which has strong amber notes. This gum is the plant's way of protecting itself during southern Spain's extremely hot summers.

Advised uses : Perfumery, Cosmetic



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