

Rosemary Essential oil Morocco

Rosmarinus officinalis L.



Herbaceous
Cineolic



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

CAS TSCA : 8000-25-7
INCI : Rosmarinus officinalis leaf oil

Specifications

Method for obtaining : Hydrostillation
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Appearance : Almost colourless to pale yellow or greenish yellow limpid mobile liquid
Constituents : Cineole-1,8 (38-55%), camphor (5-15%), pinenes

Harvest period

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Rosemary, native to the Mediterranean, is one of Provence's aromatic plants, along with thyme, oregano, marjoram, and savory. This perennial shrub has dense foliage completely covering its upright branches. The potently fragrant leaves are dark green with a silvery underside. The small, pale-blue to lilac flowers, speckled with purple inside, bloom thickly along the stems, mainly in springtime. In Morocco, rosemary grows wild on the hillsides and plateaus of the Atlas Mountains in the north. It grows below the production zone of Atlas Cedar. Rosemary is picked when in bloom: The branches are cut with a sickle by shepherds and Moroccan farmers and transported, most often by pack-mule, to the distillery. Rosemary distillation is still very small-scale and traditional in Morocco. The resulting essential oil is potent and herbaceous, reminiscent of the fresh smell of eucalyptus globulus.

Rosemary essential oil differs, depending on the country of origin. The climate, soil, and sun exposure produce different chemotypes, including the camphor chemotype (Spanish rosemary) and the cineole chemotype (rosemary from Tunisia and Morocco). This medicinal plant, also used as a condiment, has been known since ancient times and burned for fumigation. Nicknamed the "incense of the poor," it was utilized in medicine and religious rites. The name has very poetic origins: The Latin *Ros marinus* means "dew of the sea," referring to the abundance of rosemary on the Mediterranean coasts and islands.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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