

Rosemary Essential oil Tunisia

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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Tunisian rosemary is a small shrub that grows wild in the south of the country at between 500 and 600 meters' altitude. It has very leafy stems forming dense bushes. The narrow, needle-shaped leaves are dark green with a silvery underside. When in flower, the branches are covered with small, lavender to pale-blue flowers, their insides mottled with purple. The flowering twigs are sickle-cut by teams of farmers and shepherds. This harvesting activity provides significant complementary revenue for local populations. Distilling rosemary produces an essential oil with a powerful herbaceous scent reminiscent of eucalyptus. Depending on the country of origin, rosemary develops different composition profiles: Rosemary from Morocco and Tunisia has a cineole chemotype, while Spanish rosemary has a camphor chemotype.

Known since antiquity as a condiment and medicinal plant, rosemary is a powerful aromatic herb. A member of the Lamiaceae family, rosemary is related to other famous aromatic plants like lavender, savory, basil, and thyme. Listed by Charlemagne in his estate management text *Capitulare de Villis*, rosemary earned its reputation as a panacea thanks to the Queen of Hungary. In the 14th century, Isabelle of Hungary claimed to have regained her youth with an alcoholate of rosemary flowers. There are many legends about the properties of rosemary: It is an ingredient in "potable gold," a drink concocted by alchemists of the Middle Ages that was thought to cure all diseases. Modern medicine has confirmed the virtues of rosemary, a long-respected plant in the world of herbal remedies.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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