

# Everlasting Essential oil France

*Helichrysum italicum subsp. italicum*



**Herbaceous**  
Spicy



Botanical family : Asteraceae  
Method of culture : Organic  
Part harvested : Buds

CAS TSCA : 8023-95-8  
INCI : Helichrysum italicum flower oil

## Specifications

Method for obtaining : Hydrodistillation

Appearance : Colourless to pale yellow limpid liquid

Constituents : Neryl-acetate (26-42%), alpha-pinene, gamma-curcumene,

## Harvest period

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Italian Helichrysum or Corsican everlasting is a perennial herbaceous plant native to the Mediterranean basin. Its Latin name, *Helichrysum italicum subsp. italicum*, indicates that it is closely related to Spanish everlasting, with which it shares its botanical species and genus. The flowers of Corsican everlasting emit a subtle, spicy smell resembling curry, hence its nickname of “curry plant.” This small bush has grayish-green foliage covered with a silvery-white down. Everlasting is prized for its clusters of golden yellow flowers. The flowers are harvested manually, once they have bloomed, during the months of June and July. Everlasting is reaped in such a way as to maintain a certain plant height to promote regrowth in future years. After picking, the flowers are distilled to obtain precious everlasting essential oil, widely used for its healing and anti-aging properties in perfumery and cosmetics. French everlasting essential oil possesses an herbaceous, spicy smell, while essential oil from Balkan everlasting has a slightly syrupy dimension.

Everlasting flowers remain eternally in bloom even after being cut, thus their French name “immortal” and English name “everlasting.” This plant has been known since ancient times where it used in worshipping the sun. In Greek mythology, everlasting flowers were woven into wreaths to adorn the statues of Minerva and Apollo. Corsican everlasting is becoming an increasingly scarce plant: In many areas of the Mediterranean basin, it is protected in the wild to preserve the species. Everlasting is a member of the Asteraceae botanical family, which includes many other aromatic plants, such as davana, tarragon, and Roman chamomile.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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