THE TEA CELLAR

PARK HYATT WASHINGTON

If you are cold, tea will warm you;
If you are too heated, it will cool you;
If you are depressed, it will cheer you;
If you are excited, it will calm you.

-William Ewart Gladstone
Former British Prime Minister

OOLONG TEA-PURE TEA

Oolongs are a specialty of Fujian. They are known as blue-green teas among the Chinese due to the color of the infused leaves, and have had their oxidation interrupted during processing. There are many Oolongs, which vary according to the growing region, species of tea plant and processing method.

ROU GUI OOLONG TEA

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This tea is from Wuyi Mountains. It is made through three rounds of roasting with fresh leaves of the best quality. The long lasting dense aroma, rich flavor, and mellow aftertaste reflects its special terroir.

Origin: Wuyi Mountain, Fujian, China

Caffeine Level: Low-Medium

QI LAN OOLONG TEA

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From Wuyi Mountains, this tea is only harvested in the spring season. The name means extraordinary orchid. Its aroma is immerse. This smooth medium roast tea with magnolia and jasmine fragrance finishes with refinement.

Origin: Wuyi Mountain, Fujian, China

Caffeine Level: Low-Medium

DONG DING OOLONG

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Considered one of Taiwan's most superb oolongs, this tea offers the floral notes of a low oxidized oolong alongside the fruity, woody notes of a Fancy oolong.

Origin: Taiwan

Caffeine Level: Naturally Low Caffeine

TIE GUAN YIN IMPERIAL OOLONG TEA

This is the highest quality Tie Guan Yin tea. The leaves are almost black dark green, with a slightly yellow tint around the edges. It produces an amber liqueur with a hazelnut-like, flowery bouquet. Long lasting taste in the mouth, this is a tea of great delicacy.

Origin: China

Caffeine Level: Low-Medium

OOLONG TEA-BLENDED

SEVEN CITRUS OOLONG

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Oolong tea with 7 citrus fruits: lemon, lime, orange, Seville orange, grapefruit, bergamot and mandarin. A beautiful tea combining citrus notes and the woody character of oolong tea.

Caffeine Level: Low-Medium

BLACK TEA-PURE TEA

Black teas, which the Chinese call red tea due to the coppery color of the infusion, are teas whose leaves have undergone full oxidation.

JIN JUN MEI-PRE QINGMING HAVESTED

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This tea is from Tong Mu Village, the birthplace of black tea and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the spring season, only the tea buds are harvested. Jin Jun Mei engrosses the natural sweetness and honey fragrance, along with a long smooth finish.

Origin: Tong-mu village, Fujian, China

Caffeine Level: Medium

LAPSANG SOUCHONG

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The tea is from Tong Mu Village, the birthplace of black tea and a UNESCO world Heritage Site. The tea is literally smoked with open fire which creates a very subtle hint of smoky pinewood and sweet flavor.

Origin: Tong-mu village, Fujian, China

Caffeine Level: Medium

KEEMUN IMPERIAL

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This black tea is extremely difficult to find, being one of the rarest and most highly sought-after teas in Anhui. Deliberately produced in very small quantities, Imperial Keemun owes its excellent reputation to its unique aroma: a perfect balance between malty, woody and chocolaty notes.

Origin: Anhui, China Caffeine Level: High

YUNNAN BUDS PREMIUM

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A quality premium Chinese black tea composed exclusively of buds with golden, downy tips. Yunnan Buds Premium is a true delight, with its notes of truffle and leather.

Origin: Yunnan, China

Caffeine Level: Medium-High

GRAND HIMALAYA FIRST FLUSH DARJEELING

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This tea is exceptionally fresh and lively, with a mild flavor and less astringency then other first flush teas.

Origin: Darjeeling, India Caffeine Level: High

BLACK TEA-BLENDED

THE DES LORDS

8

Earl Grey with a pronounced bergamot flavor, enhanced with safflower petals.

Caffeine Level: High

BIG BEN ENGLISH BREAKFAST

8

A wonderful blend of Yunnan and Assam. Both mild and invigorating, mellow and spicy.

Caffeine Level: High

CHAI IMPERIAL

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Chai Imperial is a delicate black tea pepped up with a generous blend of green cardamom, pink peppercorns, cinnamon, ginger, and orange zest.

Caffeine Level: Medium-High

CHINESE GREEN TEA-PURE TEA

The difference between Chinese and Japanese green teas are the methods in which the tea is heated to prevent oxidation. The Chinese traditionally dry heat the tea leaves and buds in a wok or pan whereas the Japanese steam their green tea. The dry heat process produces a richer nuttier tea while the steamed Japanese counterparts retain their freshness and color.

BI LUO CHUN

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This tea is one of the oldest tea with the history of over a thousand years. Its fresh leaves are very delicate. It has snail-like leaves that infuses with grassy essence with refreshing finish .

Origin: Lake Tai, China Caffeine Level: Medium

LONG JING "DRAGONWELL"

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One of the most popular green teas in China, Long Jing has a delicate fragrance, a slightly sweet flavor and a silky texture. The liquor is velvety and its chestnut aroma lingers for a long time in the mouth.

Origin: Zhejiang, China Caffeine Level: Medium

CHINESE GREEN TEA-BLENDED

JASMINE BEAUTY PEARLS

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The finest green tea buds are shaped into tiny balls and scented seven times over with freshly picked flowers, which are then removed by hand, one by one. The very best among jasmine teas.

Origin: China

Caffeine Level: Medium

ICY MINT

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This tea brings together the fresh, peppery aromas of mint leaves and the vegetal notes of a delicious long-leaf green tea.

Origin: China

Caffeine Level: Low Caffeine

JAPANESE GREEN TEA

GYOKURO

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Produced from the first flush of the tea bushes which are shielded from sunlight for chlorophyll-rich, dark leaves.

Caffeine Level: Medium

JAPANESE GREEN TEA-BLENDED

GENMAICHA YAMA

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Genmaicha Yama is a traditional Japanese tea that blends Bancha green tea with roasted brown rice. Refreshing plant notes beautifully complement the toasted flavor of the grain, giving the tea a very characteristic quality.

Caffeine Level: Low-Medium

WHITE TEA-PURE TEA

Traditionally, white teas are a specialty of the province of Fujian in eastern China. This color of tea requires the least complex processing method, yet it is the most delicate of all teas.

SILVER NEEDLE

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This spectacular tea is exclusively made up of silvery tips making it extremely light yet very high in caffeine. It has a unique flavor of ripe grapes and no other tea can even come close to its delicacy.

Origin: China

Caffeine Level: High

WHITE TEA-BLENDED

THE DES SONGES BLANC

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This delicious and subtle white tea, sprinkled with safflower petals and strawberry pieces, tastes of rose, orange blossom and berries.

Caffeine Level: Low-Medium

PU-ERH TEA

Pu-Erh teas are fermented black teas. Renowned in China for their antioxidant qualities, they aid digestion and eliminate fats.

PU-ERH IMPERIAL

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A very fine crop, with many buds for this very particular type of tea. Its powerful scent is reminiscent of damp soil and bark with long woody, licorice notes.

Caffeine Level: Medium

1999 VINTAGE TOUCHA PU-ERH

20

Toucha is a form of pu-erh in which the tea leaves are pressed into small individually wrapped bowls rather than large bricks. In the case of pu-erh, the older the better, making this 1999 vintage a rare treat.

Origin: Anhui, China Caffeine Level: Low

1978 VINTAGE RESERVE CAVE AGED PU-ERH

28

Aged for over 25 years and mellowed with time, this smooth, earthy pu-erh offers a taste few have experienced.

Origin: China

Caffeine Level: Medium

HERBALS AND TISANES

Originally known for their medicinal benefits, herbal tea has now evolved to offer the most intense flavors. Depending on its blend, the tea can seem rich, fruity or floral.

CHAMOMILE 8

Organic, biodynamic and hand picked Egyptian chamomile.

Caffeine Level: Naturally Caffeine Free

SECRET GARDEN

10

A blend of spearmint, lemongrass and yellow fruit, this herbal tea transports you to a sweet summer's night.

Caffeine Level: Naturally Caffeine Free

MELANGE DU CAP

8

A blend of Rooibos with cocoa nibs and vanilla pods.

Origin: South Africa

Caffeine Level: Naturally Caffeine Free

PERFORMANCE TEA

Performance teas are known as display tea or living tea. When brewed, these teas open into beautiful bouquets.

MOONLIGHT LITCHI BLOSSOM

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This wonderful green tea is hand-tied and scented nine times with fresh tropical litchi fruit. The fruit scent and natural essence absorbs directly into the tea leaves for pure exotic flavor. This tea is of the most exotic scented performance teas ever created.

Caffeine Level: Medium