

Name **Tan Cuong Tea**
Country **Vietnam**

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Main characteristics/features

Tan Cuong tea has some characteristics that are typical of other types of tea — it is naturally green in colour and its leaves are firmly twisted.

Tan Cuong tea is strongly flavoured and has the smell of green, sticky rice. Its taste is sweet but not too bitter.

Geographical area

The geographical area for Tan Cuong tea is located in the communes of Phuc Xuan, Phuc Tri, Tan Cuong, Thinh Duc, Quyet Thang, and Phuc Ha, in Thai Nguyen province, north-eastern Vietnam.

Production/processing

Land cultivation and planting: the soil is dug into drains that are 20-30 cm deep and 120-150 cm apart. Composting manure and non-cohesive soil are formed at ground level. A hole is dug in the middle of each groove with a diameter of 6-8 cm, and 4-6 tea seeds are sown into each hole. The holes are then backfilled by 3-4 cm and spaced 20-30 cm apart. Irrigation only occurs during the dry season, which is once every 2-5 days.

The tea is harvested in cool weather (i.e. before 10 a.m and after 3 p.m).

Tea processing steps: plucking, withering, roasting (to dispose of enzymes), rolling, drying, sorting, testing, mixing and packaging.

Link between product and territory

The Tan Cuong tea area is located in a transitional area of average and low mountain ranges (Ngan Sons, Soc Son) that alternate between narrow and flat valleys. The area is located within two giant bowl-shaped mountain ranges (Tam Dao, Ngan Son) that form a special sub-climate and are the meeting point of moisture-laden winds from the northern delta and the north-east of Vietnam. Most of the raw water (surface and ground) available in the area is regulated by the Cong river and Nui Coc lake. This region, therefore, has a special soil content and climate that are ideal for the growth and development of tea plants. These conditions, along with the established practices of cultivation, processing and preservation, have created the top-quality Tan Cuong tea product that is known today.

Publication in the Official Gazette

Competent authority

National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam

GI right holder/GI association

Department of Science and Technique of Thai Nguyen province.

Contact information

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Control body

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Websites