Tien Lang Rustic Tobacco

**Main characteristics/features**

The Tiên Lãng rustic tobacco’s fibre is flexible and does not unwind when being held firmly. It has a smooth taste. This tobacco is not hot on the throat and does not cause dizziness.

**Geographical area**

Tiên Lãng rustic tobacco production is located in the Vinh Quang, Quang Phuc, Tien Minh, Dong Hung, Doan Lap, Kien Thiet, Cap Tien, Tien Thang, and Toan Thang communes, Tien Lang district, Hai Phong city.

**Production/processing**

Local varieties Rê đen, Bằng, Có Tai and Lá Chống are used to produce this tobacco.

After removing the midribs, leaves are rolled into a cylindrical shape with a 15-30 cm diameter and an average length of 1.5-2 m. They are then stored 3-4 days, until the leaves turn completely yellow, and cut into pieces 0.8-1.4 mm wide. These are then exposed to the sun 4-8 days until the tobacco turns light or yellow-brown. The product is left to air, so that it becomes soft and flexible, and packed in plastic bags. Packaging is pressed tightly to remove any air.

**Link between product and territory**

Tiên Lãng rustic tobacco grows and develops well in spring, not in autumn or winter.

The traditional production methods used, especially planting techniques and manufacturing processes such as rolling, annealing and cutting, are important factors that determine the quality of Tiên Lãng rustic tobacco.