

ROBERTET



YLANG YLANG

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The ylang-ylang is a tropical tree around 15 meters in height with a straight, somewhat branchy trunk and horizontal branches. The branches droop, particularly at the top of the tree, which gives it a sagging look. It is an evergreen with alternate leaves around 18 cm long and 7 cm wide. The fruit is a green berry with sweet and aromatic flesh, which turns black when ripe. The yellow flowers are arranged in clusters in the axils of the leaves and flower throughout the year, especially from November to March. The flowers are manually harvested year round. At first the blossoms are green, but turn yellow as they mature. They give off a strong pleasant fragrance.

There are several varieties of the *genuina* species. The “good” one is characterized by a large production of small yellow-gold flowers, with a very fine perfume. It is used for propagation, unlike the variety with large flowers whose extracts are not as valued. Almost all of the world market of essential oil is produced today in the Comoro Islands and in Nosy Be, a small island north of Madagascar. Ylang-ylang thrives best in tropical environments that offer hot, humid and consistent rainfall.

Global production is 50 tons and the distillation time is 10 hours while the oil yield is around 3%. Current prices are historically low due to increased production volume, while the market demand has remained stable.

OLFACTIVE DESCRIPTION

Floral, sweet, jasmine-like, spicy, solar, sensual, fresh, intense and balsamic note.

PROCESS & QUALITIES

The ylang-ylang flower is delicate and must be processed quickly after it is picked. Ylang-ylang essence is obtained by steam distillation of fresh flowers.

Fractional distillation provides five different fractions corresponding to distinctly different qualities of essential oil according to the density of the essence. Extra superior or extra as well as ylang ylang I are intended for luxury perfumes. Ylang ylang II and III are used in cosmetics, soaps and detergents.

ORIGIN

In Java, there are 3 varieties of ylang ylang.

In Reunion, Nosy-Be and Madagascar, there is only the “genuina” variety.

Robertet Origin: Madagascar



PERFUMERY

Ylang-ylang is one of the natural materials most often used in perfumery. It is a natural affordable product with a very strong floral note, which is an important element in a perfumer’s palette.

Of the four qualities of ylang-ylang obtained by distillation, only extra and ylang ylang I are used for fine perfumes. Ylang-ylang blends different floral notes very well. It adds elegance, volume and originality to all gourmand and vanilla accords.

Ylang-ylang II is used in cosmetics and ylang ylang III, in soaps.

Ylang-ylang blends well with some woody notes (rosewood, vetiver), florals (gardenia, tuberose, mimosa, jasmine, rose), balsamics (opoponax (opobalsam) and Peru balsam) and other synthetic raw materials such as salicylates, aldehydes, etc.

FLAVOR

In Southeast Asia, ylang-ylang flavors sweets, ice creams, drinks and chewing gum.



AROMATHERAPY

Ylang-ylang essential oil can be used as an anti-depressant. It can provide anti-inflammatory benefits and works great in skin and hair products.

HEALTH BENEFITS

Pharmaceutical Use:

Ylang-ylang is recommended for the treatment of nervous disorders (stress, high blood pressure).

Cosmetic Use:

Ylang-ylang is used very widely in perfumery and cosmetics.

Ylang-ylang essential oil are used in:

- Dandruff shampoos, hair conditioners for normal, fine, limp and flat hair
- Body care skin softening products
- Skincare for mixed or oily skin prone to acne
- Soothing creams for sensitive and delicate skin

HISTORY OF YLANG YLANG

The essential oil has a floral, spicy, exotic, powerful, medicinal and slightly fruity fragrance. Throughout history, cultures have used ylang-ylang in diverse ways. Muslim women burnt the oil to perfume their harems. In China, ylang-ylang perfume was used to purify the robes of the mandarin (member of an elite group or powerful class). The purified robes were then put in a chest of fragrant wood. The robes were out of the chest only when it was necessary. When they were removed, the smell was still strong. Some chests have been found in modern times and a slight fragrance has still been detected centuries later.

In Indonesia, there is an ancient tradition of spreading ylang-ylang flowers on the beds of newly married couples.

In the Philippines, the flowers were crushed and applied to insect or snakebites. The oil was also used for skin and hair, because it was thought to stimulate growth. On the islands, indigenous peoples mixed flowers with coconut oil to protect hair from sea salt when they swam. This mixture called “borri-borri,” is also good for healthy skin, and helps to repel insect and snakebites.

In Europe, Ylang essential oil was one of the ingredients in Macassar, a very well-known hair oil in the 19th century.



PRODUCT OFFERINGS

00080117	YLANG YLANG COMPLETE EO 100% ORGANIC	Suitable for Flavors and Fragrance
99253624	YLANG YLANG EXTRA EO	Suitable for Flavors and Fragrance
00322458	YLANG YLANG III EO	Suitable for Flavors and Fragrance
00322383	YLANG YLANG COMPLETE EO	Suitable for Flavors and Fragrance
00322343	LISYLANG NATURAL 345	Suitable for Flavors and Fragrance

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