



Art of Tea + Chinese Origin

# The Story

Our teas are carefully selected directly from growers, each one offering a unique story. Through his travels in Asia, India, Africa and the Middle East, CEO/ Founder Steve Schwartz and Art of Tea have developed close relationships with farmers and distributors. These personal relationships, a hallmark at Art of Tea, make possible the offering of top tier organic teas and select botanicals, while ensuring that both employees and teas are treated with great respect. At Art of Tea, our intensive care program combines aesthetics with passion, flavor and high quality control.





# Chinese Tea Facts

**Tea originated in China and the landscape of China is still blooming with tea today. Chinese tea plants are notably wild, growing like vines in fields and in mountainous regions. This sprawl is somewhat unique to China, a country with a lot of space to spare. Other countries, like Japan, take a more measured approach to tea growing – shaping tea plants precisely for easy harvesting. Chinese green tea is grown in sprawling tea fields. Tea bushes are groomed, but wilder than their Japanese counterparts. Leaves are also hand-picked, not harvested by machines.**

**Chinese tea is processed differently, too. Imagine a Chinese meal versus a Japanese one. Foods are pan-fried in woks and cooked in rich oils. Foods feel heartier. Chinese green tea takes on some of these characteristics. Chinese green teas are pan-fired or baked after they're harvested. This gives them a nuttier, roastier, less umami flavor.**





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Camellia Sinensis, tea plant. Showing two leaves and a bud in the center.













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Chinese teas are hand-picked, not machine harvested, which leaves the bushes looking less manicured.













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The matriarch of the entire Co-Op in the Wuyishan Mountains.







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