

Cypress Essential oil Spain

Cupressus sempervirens L.



Woody
Resinous



Botanical family : Cupressaceae
Method of culture : Traditional
Part harvested : Branches

CAS TSCA : 8013-86-3
INCI : Cupressus sempervirens leaf/nut/stem oil

Specifications

Method for obtaining : Steam distillation
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Appearance : Pale yellow to orange-yellow limpid mobile liquid
Constituents : Alpha-pinene, delta-3-carene, cedrol, Limonene

Harvest period

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Originally from Asia Minor, cypress spread throughout the Mediterranean basin to the point of becoming its emblematic tree. This conifer can reach 30 meters in height, with a lifespan of several hundred years. The evergreen foliage is composed of tiny overlapping scales, the source of its Latin name *sempervirens*, meaning “evergreen.” The branches are numerous and grow compactly together, giving the tree a tapered, candle-like shape. The young leafy twigs serve as the raw material for producing the essential oil. Harvesting takes place every 4-5 years by topping the trees. Cypress essential oil has a woody, resinous fragrance with a characteristic terpene note.

The cypress is the symbol of immortality in the West. It acts as a guardian of cemeteries, protecting the souls of the deceased. In Iran, every prestigious building was surrounded by cypress, veritable sentinels for each site. It is the Iranian tree of heaven, with a shape that reaches toward the skies, seen as access to the divine. Its wood, believed to be impervious to rot, was used to make sarcophagi for key figures in ancient Egypt. To this day, the caskets of the popes of the Catholic church are made of cypress. In Cypriot mythology, the goddess Beroth was embodied by this tree. Greek mythology tells many stories involving the cypress, but the best-known is that of Cyparissus. Mad with grief after killing his favorite stag by mistake, Cyparissus killed himself. Apollo then turned the young man into an eternal tree that has since borne his name (kyparissos means “cypress” in ancient Greek). Cypress wood is the material used for Zeus’ scepter, Hercules’ club, and the arrows of Eros, god of love.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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