

# Sage clary Essential oil France

*Salvia sclarea* L.



**Herbaceous**  
Dry/Tobacco



Botanical family : Lamiaceae  
Method of culture : Conventional  
Part harvested : Aerial parts

CAS TSCA : 8016-63-5  
INCI : Salvia sclarea oil

## Specifications

Method for obtaining : Hydrodistillation  
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Appearance : Colourless to yellow brown liquid  
Constituents : Linalyl acetate, linalol, germacrène-D

## Harvest period

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Clary sage is a wild plant from southern Europe and Central Asia. An aromatic herb, it has large, oval, downy, gray-green leaves. They give off a sweet, honeyed, musky scent when crushed. Its erect stems are topped with long spikes of small, white-pink flowers. The entire plant is aromatic, covered with tiny glandular hairs that contain essential oil. The above-ground parts are harvested during the blooming period and are left in the fields to dry. It is the dry raw material that is distilled, producing an essential oil known as “traditional.” Its fragrance is herbaceous with a dry note reminiscent of tobacco, along with a hay facet. The fresh raw material can also be distilled, producing what is known as “green crushed” quality, which differs little from the “tradition” quality.

Clary sage was used in ancient times for both its botanical properties and its fragrance. Many ancient texts mention the fragrance, which was revered as a treasure of the gods. According to the Rhis, the great Indian sages, it had the power to guide one to divine illumination. Our ancestors were also very familiar with its medicinal properties: Former common names include “all good” or “wound grass.” The botanical name of clary sage comes from the Latin words *salvare* or *salveo*, meaning “save,” and *clarus*, “clear”, “clarify.”

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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