



THE TEAMAKER'S
SPECIAL RESERVE

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THE TEAMAKER'S PRIVATE RESERVE

from the **Dilmah** *family*

The Teamaker's Private Reserve is an eclectic collection of rare, fine teas celebrating the variety, the individuality and the spectrum of taste and aroma that only teamakers know and relish. Each handpicked by Merrill J. Fernando,

Founder of Dilmah, they are chosen to present the indulgent pleasure in tea, bringing together some very special teas, limited in availability, some rare and all representing the finest teas in the world.

BLACK TEA



Rilhena Estate Ceylon Souchong

“A rare tea that ranks as an equivalent of a fine Islay Malt Whisky.”



A powerful tea from our Rilhena Estate in the Ratnapura region, exhibiting twisted, dark brown leaf. When infused the tea evolves into a chocolate coloured infusion with a piquant and lightly smoky aroma. The amber liquor that is produced offers a robust and very unusual tea; smoked gently over the embers of Cinnamon wood for three days after fermentation, the tea has a pleasing smoky character with a hint of spicy, sweetness that is the result of the use of Ceylon Cinnamon in smoking the tea. A rare tea that ranks as an equivalent of a fine Islay Malt Whisky.



Imboolpitiya Estate FBOP

“Bright and clean, with orange and burgundy hues. Refined and medium bodied personality.”



Dark, ebony coloured Flowery Broken Orange Pekoe leaf with wiry, even appearance. When infused the leaf evolves into a coppery infusion tinged with olive and a herbal aroma. The liquor is bright and clean, with orange and burgundy hues promising a malty and medium bodied tea. This tea is unique in its appeal, being pungent and slightly malty whilst maintaining a refined and medium bodied personality. It has a powerful personality, enveloping the palate yet maintaining perfect finesse.



Darjeeling TGFOP

“A lingering floral finish complements the elegance and gentle tea and its unique personality.”



The most majestic amongst Indian Teas, Darjeeling Tea is grown in the foothills of the Himalayas. It is composed of leaf that is light brown, flecked with olive green. When infused, the leaf evolves into an olive infusion with coppery brown hues and a beautiful aroma. The leaves yield a golden orange liquor that offers a bright yet mellow tea, with the characteristic muscatel note. A lingering floral finish complements the elegant and gentle tea and its unique personality.



Ceylon Artisanal Spice Chai

“A deliciously full bodied tea that leaves the palate invigorated and fresh.”

An authentic Chai recipe that combines artisanal clove, ginger, cinnamon and lemongrass with a medium strength Ceylon Single Estate Tea produces a very unique all natural Chai. Pungent with the aroma and taste of fresh spice, the tea produces complex, spicy aromas and flavours; clove dominates, yielding then to ginger and cinnamon, finally presenting a hint of lemongrass. A deliciously full bodied and spicy Chai that leaves the palate invigorated and fresh.



Single Estate Earl Grey

“A robust and distinctive tea that is unique due to the combination.”

Crafted with a Nilagama Estate Flowery Broken Orange Pekoe, this tea is distinctive amongst Earl Grey Teas. The malty richness of the Single Estate tea harmoniously balances the lightly floral, citrus of Bergamot to produce a balanced and unique Earl Grey Tea. The infusion has a chocolate hue with the leaf unfurling to yield a bold and strong tea with a dark red appearance. A robust and distinctive Earl Grey Tea that is unique due to the combination of bergamot and a strong Ceylon Single Estate Tea.



Mango Scented Dombagastalawa Estate FBOP

“Beautifully harmonious with clean, fruit and honey notes.”

Fused with a mellow Dombagastalawa Estate Flowery Broken Orange Pekoe, the alluring flavour and aroma of tropical mango produce a refined and delicious tea. The single estate tea partners with the fragrant and sweet flavour of Mango to produce a beautifully harmonious tea with clean, fruit and honey notes. A fragrant and luxurious tea.



GREEN TEA



Kandy Gunpowder Green Tea

“A lingering floral finish complements the elegance and gentle tea and its unique personality.”



Jade green leaf with shotty appearance which, when infused evolves into a green infusion with light brown hues and grassy aroma. The liquor presents a vibrant yellow aspect with a clean and deceptively light appearance. The brightness in this tea is extended by a piquancy that is a characteristic of Ceylon Green Teas. A citrus note lends a refreshing finish to its personality.



Imperial China Natural Jasmine Green Tea

“A fragrant and gentle tea softly enveloped with delicate Jasmine.”



A natural and ancient combination of fragrant Jasmine Flowers and Green Tea, the curled green leaf, with flecks of Jasmine petals and buds, presents a complex of hues from white to jade green. The combination evolves when brewed, into a pale infusion with hints of olive and a surpassingly clean, delicate character and a delightful floral aroma. The pale liquor produces a finely balanced, natural Jasmine Tea. The delicate harmony amongst the mild green tea and Jasmine is achieved through a traditional technique that requires the night blooming Jasmine flowers to be fused with tea in a painstaking process of adding and removing the flowers from the tea several times. A fragrant and gentle green tea softly enveloped with delicate Jasmine.

WHITE TEA



Imboolpitiya Estate Silver Tips

“Handmade, and gently nurtured, using only filtered sunlight.”



The artfully handpicked silvery bud of *Camellia Sinensis* with its soft, downy texture is supremely delicate. When infused the buds acquire a dark olive hue as they release their flavour. The flavour of real white tea is as prized as it is elusive. The tea demands care in its preparation. Silver Tips are handmade, and gently nurtured in developing its refined character; using only filtered sunlight. Once discovered it is a luxurious indulgence; lightly fruity with grape, honey and floral notes, this antioxidant rich tea is a rare and lovingly handcrafted tea experience.

INFUSION



Chamomile Flowers

“Fragrant and delicate that fuses into a mild and sophisticated taste.”



A refined and elegant infusion, especially delicate due to the use only of the flower of the Chamomile, without the stalk and other elements that can introduce coarseness. The delicate flowers acquire a dark yellow appearance when infused, producing a naturally caffeine free, pale yellow liquor. The liquor is fragrant and delicate with apple, fine herb and floral notes that fuse into a mild and sophisticated taste. Bright, clean and wonderfully calming.



