

## Tea types in Georgia

Georgia is one of the northernmost producers of tea worldwide. Tea is cultivated in five regions of Western Georgia: Adjara, Guria, Samegrelo, Imereti, Abkhazia, and. Though Georgians used herbal concoctions to drink from time immemorial, it is assumed that tea, as we know it, it is believed to have first arrived in the early 19th century when Prince Mamia V Gurieli began growing *Camellia Sinensis* in his botanical garden.

Currently Georgia produces many kinds of Tea among them, black, green, white, flavoured and herbal. The tea producing regions are: Guria, Samegrelo, Adjara and Imereti. There are mostly Chinese tea species in Georgia.

Georgian Black Tea with Thyme and Ziziphora; Georgian Black Tea with Rose; Georgian Black Tea with Bergamot; Blueberry Leaf Tea; Georgian Wild Quince leaf tea; Georgian Green Tea; Georgian Wild White Tea; Georgian Black Tea N1; Georgian Black Full Leaf Tea; Georgian Black Fraction Tea; Georgian Wild Black Tea;

"Georgian tea from differs Indian, Chinese, etc. in that, first of all, Georgia has a very good geographical location. The mountain and sea climate in western Georgia is very suitable for tea culture and gives it a soft and pleasant aroma. In addition, for example, in China the harvest takes 12 months, while in Georgia the harvest period is from May to September. Therefore, Georgian raw materials do not need to add poisonous chemicals and pesticides. It is these characteristics that distinguish the taste and quality of Georgian tea from other cultures. "

The difference of Georgian tea is that it has a low content of tannins, that is why it has such a gentle and soft taste.

Recently, various selective varieties of Georgian tea have been gradually introduced in tea farms, which are Acad. K. Bakhtadze brought out. Out of 20 varieties bred by him, we will focus on only two.

Georgian number one has large leaves, gives an increase in yield by 30% more than the Chinese average. Its chemical composition is almost equal to the southern varieties. However, it is less frost resistant and is intended for the southern regions of our republic (Adjara).

Georgian number two is relatively frost resistant; It is intended for the relatively northern regions (Abkhazia and Samegrelo): this variety gives more yields and good quality tea, but with its chemical composition and, of course, the quality of the product, it lags behind both the number one Georgian and Indian.



### **Black tea**

is made from the leaves of *Camellia sinensis sinensis* and *Camellia sinensis assamica*. Green and black tea have many similar properties. Black tea can improve heart and intestinal health. It also lowers cholesterol levels in the body and lowers blood pressure.



### **Green tea**

is made from the leaves of *Camellia sinensis sinensis*. Green tea is full of many biologically active compounds and natural antioxidants. Green tea prevents cell damage, improves brain function. It increases the ability to work and accelerates the burning of fat in the body. Green tea is an effective remedy against diseases such as chronic inflammation of the liver, dysentery, high blood pressure. This drink has a positive effect on the blood vessels and is used as an antidepressant. Green tea contains 50% more vitamin C than black tea.



### **White Tea**

Just like green *Camellia sinensis sinensis* leaves, they are simply picked earlier. Like most teas, white tea is rich in antioxidants, which makes it anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer. In addition white tea promotes weight loss and is an enemy of tooth bacteria.

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Georgian purple tea, rich with anthocyanins



## Purple Tea (Georgian Purple)

The aim of this project was the growth of a green tea with high anthocyanin content, anti-fatigue properties and high content of catchiness. Tea plants from all over Georgia with highest content of pigment anthocyanin were selected and saplings were created from selective method. Georgian purple tea is unique because of its taste, usually purple teas from other countries have bitter taste (especially Chinese purple tea), Georgian purple tea has very unique light bittersweet taste with pleasant and rich aroma.



## Wine Tea

The outstanding and unique variety of Georgian Tea is "Wine Tea". The idea to produce wine tea belongs to a pharmacologist named Irakli Natroshvili, who was making a research on the beneficial characteristics of red wine (Saperavi) 25 years ago. He has discovered that after processing the wine, it has exactly the same beneficial qualities as before. "The uniqueness of tea is that there are no analogues in the world market. The tea contains all the useful substances of wine, and at the same time protects the consumer from the harmful influence of alcohol.



## Georgian Wild Tree Black Tea

This very rare tea grows wild in the woods of Georgia, near the Mtirala National Park, just a few kilometres from the Black Sea. These hand-produced teas have the quality of some of the finest teas in the world. The soft, infusion almost without any bitterness has nuances of wild berry, maple, pine, malt, raisins, honey, cocoa, caramel, apple, chestnut and spice. The long, wiry matt black leaves also look like those of Taiwanese teas, the larger leaf size reflecting the fact they are produced on tea trees rather than bushes.



### **Georgian Wild White Tea**

Georgian wild white tea is grown and plucked from tall tea bushes that grow wild in the mountain forests of west Georgia, far away from civilization and no human intervention. The tender tea leaves provide a long series of brews offering fresh, light, herbal-floral bouquet with nuances of raspberry leaf, lime, linseed and mint. The aroma is airy and tender, floral.



### **Georgian Quince Flowers WILD ORGANIC**

Wild quince trees grow in forests of Guria and Imereti regions. The drink made from its leaves has been used for centuries in traditional Georgian medicine for treating heart problems and blood pressure.



## Medical Herbal Tea

The brand of medicinal plants "Farkoni" combines up to 40 different types of medicinal plants, which have been presented in pharmacy networks throughout Georgia since 2017. The products are 100% natural, do not contain additives, flavor enhancers and foreign impurities, are made from wild plant raw materials and forest berries. The unique climate of Georgia and the diversity of natural conditions make the medicinal plant raw materials have a special uniqueness.