blue hill wine shop - list o' teas

GREEN TEA

Young Hysson Green Particularly Pale and delicate in character, the leaves are picked early hence their small and slender size \$1.50/oz

Japanese Sencha Green Flat leaved and steamed which is responsible for the fresh, vegetably, springy quality of this tea \$2.25/oz

Green Earl Grey A surprisingly successful combination of steamed green tea and bergamot \$1.50/oz

Mao Feng Tranquility GreenWe all need some, no? Whole long-leaf of fine quality, brews up darker and slightly richer than the norm \$2.50/oz

River Mist Green Tea Grown on the western bank of the Yang Tze River, this unusual Chinese green has silver strands among the twisted green leaves and unopened buds. It's a treat to drink. \$2.50/oz

Chun Mee Green A very popular Chinese green tea, with a plum-like flavor and smooth, sweet aroma. \$1.75/oz

Genmaicha Green Secha green tea leaves with toasted rice and corn. Nutty, earthy and a free snack! \$1.50/oz

Yin Hao Jasmine The Michael Jordan of Jasmines, this one stands pretty much unrivalled. Did we mention its floral poesy? \$2.25/oz

OOLONG AND WHITE TEA

China Sechung Oolong Delicate, contemplative tea, good for the afternoon time. Slightly sweet and chestnuty, this tea is grown at high elevations in southern Xian province \$1.25/oz

Formosa Oolong Oolongs from Formosa (aka Taiwan) are fermented longer than their Chinese counterparts, which helps give this tea its deep amber color and peachy fragrance. \$2/oz

China Mutan White White tea is the least aged, most subtle, and most anti-oxidant rich tea of all. Buds are handpicked <u>before</u> the leaf opens and gently steamed. That's pretty neat \$3.25

BLACK TEA

English Breakfast The stuff that stiffened the spines of those dratted empire builders. A blend of India and Ceylon small leaf teas \$1.25/oz

Queen's Blend This is a blend of three teas, Indian, Sri Lankan, and Formosan, incorporating a very mild smokiness. VERY elegant – a perennial favourite of the established tea drinking crowd \$1.50/oz

Irish Breakfast A blend of long and short leaf Assam and brews up accordingly – strong and tangy, it turns a lovely orange color when you add milk \$1.25/oz

Scottish Breakfast High octane, black tea blend: Back in the day, we relied on this one to get breakfast on the table, lunches packed, and three kids out the door (tastes good in our current more peaceful circumstances as well) \$1.25/oz

Manhattan Tribute Big & Bold but no rough edges at all. This is a blend of Indian, Formosan, and Ceylon teas. It rivals Scottish Breakfast as our all time favorite strong black cup. \$2/oz

Darjeeling From the foothills of the Himalayas, high altitude teas from this region are known for their sparkly copper color and delicate fruit fragrance. \$2.25/oz

Tuo Cha (Pu-erh) Pu-erh is a Yunnan tea stored in caves to age after oxidation giving it a unique damp and earthy (cavey) taste. This tea brews especially dark and rich, retaining its flavor though several infusions. (Remove wrapper before brewing) \$2/oz

Pu-erh Bold Leaf see above, this is the leaf version rather than the small wrapped cakes of tea. Organic \$2.50/oz

China Yunnan The stuff you wish came with your Chinese food! Long leaf tea with a slightly peppery tang. \$1.75/oz

Ceylon Organic, full, brisk stuff, grown on the Blackwoods estate in Sri Lanka \$2.25/oz

China Keemun Rich, dark, reddish China tea without the bitey edge. So very good for iced tea \$1.25/oz

Assam Brews up dark orange, and malty – the classic fog clearing, chimney sweep's choice. Nice with milk and sugar. \$1.50/oz

Lapsang Souchong Smoked to within an inch of its life over pine boughs. Delicious, if not entirely subtle \$1.50/oz

Earl Grey A blend of black teas anointed with oil of bergamot (a yellow-peeled citrus fruit grown in Calabria). This is a classic afternoon tea. \$1.50/oz

Spiced Masala Chai Indian black tea PLUS masala, cinnamon, ginger, vanilla, and cardamom. Super delicious with milk. \$2/oz

Black Currant Black tea with dried black currant fruit and essence \$1.50/oz

Apricot Black tea with natural apricot flavouring. Smells fabulous, Persian, dreamy\$1.25/oz

Decaffeinated Earl Grey So tasty, you barely notice the lack of caffeine. \$2.25/oz

Decaffeinated English Breakfast Ditto above, our tea purveyor has done a great job of selecting decaf black tea that comes as close as you can to the real thing in depth and flavor. \$2/oz

HERBAL

Chamomile True Egyptian, very fragrant (don't worry, an ounce of this stuff is a pile) \$2.50/oz

Madarin Roobis Rooibos is grown only in South Africa (where it means red bush). The tea is caffeine free and famously anti-oxidant rich. It also tastes good particularly in this version with the hint of mandarin orange. \$1.50/oz

Peppermint Be forewarned, our version, before brewed is nose searingly and eye wateringly intense. Brilliant mint tea, we know no equal. \$1.75

Herbal Ambrosia A concoction of hibiscus, blackberry leaf, orange peel, apple, and sunflower. High in vitamin C, Sweet/Tart – our favorite flavor combination \$1.50/oz