

A Comparative Treatise for the Birth and Changes of Black Tea

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Summary

Fujian Province and Yunnan Province in China are highlighted as the probable birthplace tea. Green tea and oolong tea were introduced to England as the main type of tea, originated in China. The English people were so fascinated by tea that they started tea cultivation on their own.

The first variety of tea used for cultivation was Assam. Yunnan is believed to be the origin of the variety which was introduced into the soil of Assam, India via Myanmar. The tea leaf further traveled through Ceylon, Java to South Africa by transplantation. A lot of effort and ingenuity resulted in a wide variety of tea leaves including Earl Grey, Assam Darjeeling and Ceylon. The enduring efforts of human beings with the help nature led to the diverse flavors and tastes of tea. Each type of tea has distinct characteristics in taste, aroma and color depending on the producing country.

When English people started the cultivation of tea, they become very frustrated by the fact that variety from China did not grow well in any part of India. They lost all hope when they found a quite different taste from original. However, what we should not forgot is that geographic differences create the unique features of crops and that the preservation of nature is vital to the characterization of tea.