



## Fenghuang Dancong (Single Clump) Tea

### 凤凰单丛（枞）茶

The old tea plantation in Chaozhou contains patches of unpruned tea plants and nearly 20,000 large tea trees because pruning was never part of the traditional cultivation practice, and the tea trees were left to grow freely with tea buds left intact to protect the trees. These old tea plants are living evidence to the tea production history of Chaozhou as well as an excellent resource and foundation for species cultivation.

During Tongzhi and Guangxu reigns of the Qing Dynasty (1875-1908), tea farmers selected the superior varieties and cultivated them after long-term careful practice. The word Dancong, literally meaning single stem, also suggests that all the tea leaves are picked from a single tea plant and then processed and sold. Because it is originated in Fenghuang Mountains of Chaozhou, it is historically known as Fenghuang Dancong Tea.

Fenghuang Dancong Tea is a variety of Oolong Tea. The tea leaves are tightly twisted stripes in lustrous grayish brown color. The liquor is in golden brown color and has a natural floral aroma that contains the refreshing fragrance of green tea and the mellow taste of black tea. It gives an impressive, sweet and refreshing finish. Fenghuang Dancong Tea is famed for its fresh and pleasant aroma.

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以前，茶农种茶，从不修剪，任其自然生长，采茶时则留顶芽以养护茶树，形成满天星散布状态且规模不一的片片古茶林和近2万株大茶树的资源宝库。这既是潮州市产茶历史的见证，也是选育良种的种质资源库和保持良种优势的物质基础。

清朝同治光绪年间（1875-1908），经过长期细心观察和实践，茶农选育出优异单株并加以分离培植，实行单株采摘，单株制茶，单株销售，单丛茶由此出现。由于这种茶发源于广东潮州凤凰山，历史上称凤凰单丛（枞）茶。

凤凰单丛（枞）茶属乌龙茶，呈条形，条索紧卷，灰褐色，油润有光泽。茶叶具有天然花香味，汤色金黄，既有绿茶的清香，又有红茶的甘醇，滋味持久，浓醇鲜爽，享有“凤凰单丛（枞）茶，清香满天涯”的美誉。

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