



# accent on PATCHOULI OIL



Earthy and sweet, rich and intense, soothing, unique and incredibly versatile . . . Patchouli oil is among the most celebrated essential oils in the perfumer's library. It is widely used in applications ranging from fine fragrance to cosmetic preparations, aromatherapy and skin and hair care products.

Patchouli oil can be amber to dark orange with a very intense, rich, herbaceous scent that improves with age. Historians believe that for centuries, silk traders from China packed their cloth with dried patchouli leaves to repel moths, creating an enduring association of the scent with opulent Eastern goods. It is said that patchouli was used in the linen chests of Queen Victoria in this way.

Patchouli Oil is derived by steam distillation from the dried leaves of the patchouli plant which is native to tropical Asia, especially Indonesia and the Philippines. There it is extensively cultivated for its oil. Artiste offers both a Patchouli Oil Dark and a Patchouli Oil Light (de-ironized). Long used in perfumes, today this evocative fragrance ingredient finds use in all sorts of personal products, as well as incense, insect repellents and even alternative medicines, where it is considered beneficial as an anti-depressant, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and digestive aid. Patchouli oil is thought to have beneficial effects on the skin, helping with infections and insect bites. It is also credited by some with being an aphrodisiac and an aid to stress-related problems and addictions.

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