

THE TEA HISTORY PODCAST

Pu-Erh Tea

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Pǔ-Ěrh chá	普洱茶	A kind of fermented tea grown in Yunnan that has its own category and a taste all its own
chárén	茶人	A "tea person", someone who loves tea and is expert in the subject
Dìjíshì	地级市	A prefecture-level city
Xīshuāngbǎnnà	西双版纳	Officially called the Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, in southern Yunnan
Kūnmíng	昆明	Capital of Yunnan Province
Chama gudao	茶马古道	The Ancient Tea Horse Road
Yìwŭ	易武	A town in Mengla County, Xishuangbanna Prefecture
Yìwū	义乌	City in Central Zhejiang famous for it's merchandise market
Sīmáo	思茅	The city of Pu-er was renamed Simao after Liberation but now re-named to Pu-er
Yíxīng	宜兴	A county-level city in Jiangsu famous for many things including its famous Yixing tea ware made from the special clay found in that region
Dàyè	大叶	Big Leaf
Shānzhài	山寨	a Chinese term literally meaning "mountain fortress" or "mountain village" whose contemporary use usually encompasses counterfeit, imitation products and events and the subculture surrounding them
qī zĭ bĭngchá	七子饼茶	"seven brother tea cakes", a kind of packing method for compressed Pu-er tea cakes
Jiànmiànlĭ	见面礼	A gift presented to someone upon seeing them for the first time
Yúnnán	云南	Province in southwest China
Sìchuān	四川	Province in southwest China

tèdiǎn	特点	characteristic, distinguishing feature, trait
Shēng Pŭ-Ěrh	生普洱	Raw pu-erh tea that has not ripened or undergone the wodui process
Shóu (Shú) Pǔ-Ĕrh	熟普洱	Also called Shú Pǔ-ěr, means Ripe Pu-Erh
wòduī	涡堆	A kind of process developed to speed up the ripening process of pu-erh tea
Wò	涡	to moisten
Duī	堆	mounds or piles
gŭshù	古树	an ancient tree
Hēichá	黑茶	Black tea or dark tea like Pu-erh
hóngchá	红茶	Red tea. But in the West this category is called "black tea"
căichánü	采茶女	Tea pickers (女 means girl). Not all tea pickers are female however
shā qīng	杀青	To "kill the green", one of the steps used in tea processing. This one stops the enzymes from turning the tea black
róuniǎn	揉捻	The polling and pounding process of tea-making
Máochá	毛茶	Raw pu-erh tea that can be turned into "sheng" or "Shu/Shou" Pu-Er tea
Kūnmíng Chá Chăng	昆明茶厂	The Kunming Tea Factory, where the wodui process was invented
bĭngchá	饼茶	Tea that has been compressed into a cake form
tuóchá	沱茶	Tea that has been compressed into a cake form in a particular way described as "birds nest" shaped
hē xibeifēng	喝西北风	To drink the Northwest Windsto suffer some calamity