

two leaves and a bud

TEA COMPANY



Great tea is like fine wine

The most flavorful tea can be compared with vintage-estate, bottled wines

produced in a single region, nurtured and harvested according to traditional methods under stringent supervision, offering unsurpassed quality. *Two Leaves and a Bud Tea Company* uses only teas that are grown in single geographic regions using traditional growing methods.

Just like wine, the quality of tea varies from hillside to hillside. two leaves and a bud teas are grown on selected estates, where special care and consideration is given to the entire crop. Most teas sold in the U.S. are blended from a multitude of countries and then flavored. *Two Leaves and a Bud* never blends with these less expensive "blending" teas concentrating instead on Single Region teas which stand out due their superior quality and flavor. Two Leaves' teas are "rich and full--the way tea is meant to taste."



During growing season, a new set of two small leaves and their accompanying bud grow every two to four weeks. We named our company for these shoots which are the essence of great tea.

two leaves and a bud single region teas.
the finest teas in the world.
this is not ordinary tea.



Tea is like wine with a top note,
middle note and a finish.

We didn't want anything to get in the way of the full leaf tea flavor
so we only use premium biodegradable tea sachets.

Watch the sachet as the whole tea leaf unfurls in your cup or favorite tea pot.
If you have never had a high quality tea brewed this way you are in for a
wonderful surprise.

We are passionate about tea.
We never blend with less expensive filler teas.

tea sachets...

Not your ordinary tea bag.

Unlike paper tea bags two leaves and a bud's biodegradable mug-size tea sachets hold full leaf tea, not dust. Tea sachets have grown in popularity in the past few years. Large multinational brands have added sachets to their tea ranges however, "It is what is inside the bag that counts." Great full leaf tea requires a sachet, not a tea bag.

Enjoy the rich, full leaf tea flavor with the handiness of a bag which allows the leaves to open and infuse in your mug. Many companies offer tea in sachets. Two Leaves is one of the few to specialize in premium Single Region Teas -- teas that are grown in a single growing region. Most tea drinkers do not know that Darjeeling is a place, not a type of tea. Bordering on Nepal, Darjeeling offers some of the world's most prized high-grown teas.

Similarly Assam, the region to the east of Darjeeling, grows a bolder, fuller style of tea - what Two Leaves calls "the original breakfast tea."

See the tea. Taste the difference.

Most tea companies blend less expensive "blending" teas from South India or Africa with these teas to achieve a bit of the flavor profile of these teas at a lower cost. When you buy Two Leaves' teas you buy pure, Single-Region.

Two Leaves and a Bud's new brightly colored, graphic retail packaging presents a close up of each tea in it's sachet. Every box features a flavor profile detailing the tea's characteristics, flavor top note, middle note and finish, leaf style, country of origin and elevation. The flavor profile also indicates caffeine level, ideal water temperature for brewing and steep time, and serving suggestions.

two leaves and a bud tea sachets

only the best
full leaf teas
(with the
handiness
of a
tea bag.)



health benefits of tea

Less caffeine than coffee

Rich in polyphenols

Rich in antioxidants

Some herbal teas are calming and relaxing, inducing restful sleep

All teas are derived from the same tea plant, *Camellia Sinesis*. The tea leaves are simply processed differently. Green teas are not fermented; they are withered and steamed. Black tea and oolong tea leaves undergo crushing and fermenting processes.

All teas from the *Camellia Sinesis* plant are rich in polyphenols, powerful antioxidants that detoxify cell-damaging free radicals in the body. Tea has about eight to ten times the polyphenols that are found in fruits and vegetables.



Tea is a superfood whether it's black,
green, white or oolong.

more than just a tea sachet...

traditional black teas



**organic
assam tea**
the original
breakfast tea

case of 6
Item T00115



**organic
earl grey tea**
full-leaf
ceylon tea
with pure
bergamot

case of 6
Item T00315



**organic
darjeeling tea**
afternoon tea

case of 6
Item T00215

green teas



**organic
orange sencha**
green tea with
italian orange

case of 6
Item T00615



tamayokucha
extremely
green tea

case of 6
Item T00515



jasmine petal
green tea
with jasmine

case of 6
Item T00715

chai, white tea, red tea...



**mountain high
chai**
made with
full-leaf tea

case of 6
Item T01015



**white peony
white tea**

case of 6
Item T01415



**organic
lemon rooibos**
red tea with
lemon grass

case of 6
Item T00915

herbal teas



**alpine berry
herbal tea**
high grown
berry blend

case of 6
Item T00815



**organic
peppermint
leaves**
#1A leaf size

case of 6
Item T01215



**organic
chamomile
flowers**
whole flowers
not dust

case of 6
Item T01115

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two leaves and a bud tea menu

black teas ORGANIC **Assam Tea.** Full bodied, deep gold in color; assam tea is the perfect breakfast tea. It is distinguished by its deep, malty flavour. Perfect with milk. The region of assam is north-east India; where low, rolling hills create a great environment for a rich tea. Hot days combined with cool nights bring out the fullest flavour. Assam is the oldest of India's tea growing regions.

ORGANIC **Earl Grey Tea** is defined as black tea with essence of bergamot. Bergamot is a type of orange that was grown in northern Italy, near the town of Bergamo. There are many legends of how earl grey came into being. Our favorite is that the earl had a shipment of tea that also picked up bergamot oranges. Tea absorbs flavours and odours and this shipment did just that. It was a huge success on the market and... a legend was born. Our earl grey starts with sweet, Ceylon tea (not a cheap "blending tea") and we add just a hint of pure bergamot oil.

ORGANIC **Darjeeling Tea.** Just to the North of Assam sits Darjeeling - the queen of all tea growing regions. Darjeeling is one of the highest tea growing regions in the world, with elevations above 10,000 feet (3,200 metres.) Darjeeling is known for producing complex teas, similar to a great wine in varying textures and flavours. The finest Darjeelings exhibit a "muscatel" flavour. This is the perfect afternoon tea, astringent and light in colour. Great with or w/o milk.

chai **Mountain High Chai.** "Chai" is the name that we in the West have given the Spiced tea which is a daily beverage throughout India. Ours is a traditional chai that starts with true Assam tea (not cheap "blending tea") and adds only the true ingredients of chai: Cinnamon, Clove, and Cardamom. Fabulous with milk and sugar or honey.

{Black tea is "fully fermented" or oxidized. This means that the tea is fully dried to bring out the flavour. Brewed black tea will contain between 40 and 60 mg of caffeine. This compares with 120 - 140 for a cup of coffee. The caffeine release in black tea is slower than in coffee. This makes black teas perfect for breakfast or when you need lasting energy. }

green teas ORGANIC **Orange Sencha.** Sencha is the most consumed tea in Japan. It is long leafed tea, finished in the sun. (Other Japanese teas are covered at the end of the growing season.) Our Orange Sencha includes sunflowers, orange peel and just a hint of Italian red orange flavour to add just a hint of sweet & spicy to this classic green tea.

Tamayokucha. "Tama" means round. "(R)yokucha" means green tea - so "round green tea." This extremely green tea is finished in the shade - it is covered for the last few weeks of growth to preserve the chlorophyll. This gives it a full and complex flavour. It is a "Gyokuro" style tea - the most sought-after of all Japanese green teas.

Jasmine Petal tea. True Jasmine Tea is green tea that is scented by being dried overnight with Jasmine flowers. Jasmine is the most consumed tea in China and grown in most tea-growing regions. The finest comes from where the hills meet the sea in Fujian Province. Fujian Jasmine teas exhibit a depth and complexity not found in lesser teas.

white tea **White Peony tea.** "Bia Mu Dan" literally translates to "white peony." There is no Peony in this tea, just luscious white tea. White tea is the very early spring growth of certain tea plants that is handled very delicately to preserve the white "hairs" on the leaves. It is very gently sun-dried to preserve the mellow flavour of the tea.

{Green tea is not fermented; instead it is steamed or roasted immediately after plucking. This preserves the anti-oxidants without adding caffeine. Brewed green tea will contain between 10 and 30 mg of caffeine which releases super-slowly making green teas (and white teas) great for concentration. Please don't use boiling water with these delicate teas!! Just a light boil, barely bubbling. }

red tea ORGANIC **Lemon Rooibos.** Red Tea or more literally "red bush" only grows in South Africa where it is the national drink. It is high in anti-oxidants but contains no caffeine. It has a spicy, somewhat astringent herbal flavour which makes it a great tea alternative. We add lemongrass and lemon peel to ours to craft a sweet but interesting flavour.

herbal "teas" **Alpine Berry Herbal Tea.** An Aspen favourite. We looked to create an herbal tea that was rich, complex and full; like our camilla senensis (black, green) teas. We started with blackberry leaves and strawberry and raspberry flavours and essences to create a rich red drink which is great iced or hot. Try it with honey on a winter's day!

ORGANIC **Chamomile Flowers.** Chamomile has been used by many cultures, through the generations to calm the stomach and nerves and to aid in digestion. We use full chamomile flowers (none of that dusty stuff!) which yields a rich, golden colored brew.

ORGANIC **Peppermint Leaves.** The drinking of a peppermint beverage after a meal is documented as far back as ancient Rome! Peppermint aids digestion, soothes the nerves and calms the spirit. It also is a heckuva great late-night alternative to caffeinated tea!

{Herbal "teas" or infusions are not tea at all - they are combinations of herbs and flowers that have been used for millenia as both tasty and healthy drinks. True "tea" comes from only one plant - Camilla Senensis. The origin and processing are what account for the huge variations in taste and character of green, black and oolong teas. Two Leaves Herbal teas are all caffeine-free. }

“Tea is surely the king of all drinks. It helps against the cold, it helps against the heat, against discomfort and sickness, against weariness and weakness”

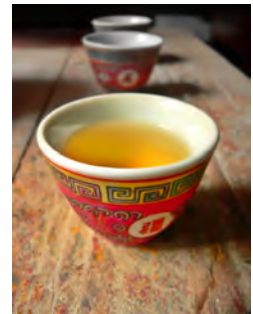
Heinrich Harrer (Author of “The White Spider”) on the first ascent of the North Face of the Eiger

It seems that there has been a long link between tea and life in the mountains....

I traveled extensively in Asia and India, but found myself frustrated by the lack of good tea in North America. I started two leaves and a bud tea company in 2002 to bring great Single Region teas to tea drinkers here. *Two Leaves and a Bud Tea Company* is based in the Roaring Fork Valley of Colorado, just down the road from Aspen. Snowy mornings, even in the summer, are not uncommon and we drink a lot of tea. Because I could not find the high quality teas that I so enjoyed in Asia and India, I founded *two leaves and a bud* to bring that experience home and to share it with you.

Cheers!

Richard Rosenfeld



In search of a great cup of tea

Tea was not always front and center for Richard Rosenfeld, rather it was the teacup. At age 24, Rosenfeld created Ten Strawberry Street Ltd., a fashion homewares brand, one of the first companies to bring bright color to tableware. Recognizing the growth and opportunities in private label, he sold the company and founded Aspen Trading International, a sourcing and product development for major retailers and brands of tableware, decorative ceramics, baskets and giftware throughout the world. Today, the company has offices in Crested Butte and Denver; affiliate offices in Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Warsaw. In 2002, *Two Leaves and a Bud* was launched and the teas have received praise and awards from around the world, including a Best New Product award for 2005-2006 from the Specialty Coffee Association for outstanding Tea Products & Tea.

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