

COLLECTIONS: EDIBLE EXTRACT - COSMETIC CROSSOVER

Blue Sky Botanics creates natural extracts for both the food and drink market, and the cosmetic sector. As we are increasingly seeing new botanical influences crossover from popular drinks flavours towards personal care applications, this capsule collection draws a spotlight over select beverage bestsellers with translatable topical appeal.

This selection showcases examples of our Ethically, Responsibly, and Transparently Sourced supply chains, and explores the phytocompounds those botanicals are naturally known to contain. Our finished extracts are not tested for individual compounds as standard, though your Account Manager can inform you of the costs associated with testing should you be keen to refer to their presence in your marketing.

For broader inspiration following this theme, or additional options to consider to deliver a targeted purpose, please inform the Sales team of your NPD goals at concept stage.

Ginger:



Our primary Ginger is Ethically Sourced from a large network of small-holder farms in India. It's Organic and Fair certified, and all farmers focus on continuous improvement, support towards expansion of Organic practices, nurture their natural environment, monitor biodiversity, share skills and build resilience, and plan for longevity of success.

Perhaps our most popular beverage botanical, Ginger brings both a timeless flavour and functional appeal as it aligns with gut health NPD. Atop its anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant appeal, the fiery phenolic acids here may add extra sensory appeal when developing the nutricosmetics trend, and products that would enliven the state of mind.

Black Pepper:



Sri Lanka produces great spices, and our Organic black peppercorn is Transparently Sourced from smallholder farms there, close to our supplier's mill. Farmers cultivate a mixture of crops to support their income throughout the year, which also benefits biodiversity and soil quality.

Pepper brings another punchy sensory spice to the drinks market, and it is often requested in combination with other botanicals in pursuit of functional blends. It is known to naturally contain piperine which can aid the absorption of other natural actives. Already popular paired with Turmeric, research shows it can enhance various plant extract potential benefits, beyond its own anti-inflammatory appeal.

Elderflower:



Our English Elderflower is harvested in early summer within the village where **BSB** produce extracts. Transparently Sourced, and our most local botanical, it is an emblem of the arrival of summer and a treasure among BSB's signature products.

Elderflower, never moves far from botanical flavour focus within the drinks market and recently new study has been further exploring its value as a functional extract, with both anti-inflammatory value and potential to suppress microbial growth in finished product. Known to naturally contain flavonoids and phenolic acids, and with new research relating to microbiome and skin-hydration support, this signature blossom brings intrigue beyond its beauty.

Lemon Balm:



Our Organic Lemon Balm is Transparently Sourced from France within the province of our supplier's processing facility. An agronomist manages the cultivation to maximise yield while minimising the impact of cultivation, using only manual weeding, for example.

Traditionally consumed as a mood-boosting tea, this botanical is amidst a revival in the drinks sector as mental wellbeing gains renewed focus. It's known to naturally contain B-vitamins, minerals, and antioxidant and anti-inflammatory compounds such as catechins, rosmarinic acid and chlorogenic acid, and recent study explores potential for an extract to minimise transepidermal water loss.

Green Coffee:



Our primary Coffee is Responsibly Sourced from a mountainous region of Honduras where the high altitude and idyllic growing conditions translate to an appealing tasting bean. This green coffee is Organic and Fair certified, and the growers work with the processor to fertilise cultivations using composted husks leftover from separation.

Green Coffee naturally contains an array of antioxidant phytocompounds and retains higher levels of the botanical's natural phenolic acids versus its roasted counterpart, though the caffeine content is similar. Its presence of chlorogenic acid particularly aligns with cosmetic NPD, since studies explore its healing and hydrating potential.

Green Tea:



Our primary Green Tea is Responsibly Sourced from Vietnam, where the plant grows wild in the rainforests. The growers tend wild and ancient trees to cultivate unusual plantations that benefit from deep roots which draw up extra nutrients, and deliver flavourful and antioxidant-rich tea.

Green Tea is one of the most trusted botanicals for health benefits obtainable from inside and out, as its antioxidant value is well-known. This particular option contains an especially high level of polyphenols thanks to the special way that it is wild-cultivated. The native plant also naturally contains caffeine, beneficial minerals, and gallotannins so the topical appeal for cosmetic NPD is muti-faceted too.