

WILD AMAZONAS CHILIES – PRODUCT SHEET

AJI MALAGUETA

Aji Malagueta is a well-known hot chili variety from the Amazon region, appreciated for its clean, intense heat and versatility.



Fruit & Plant characteristics

Aji Malagueta produces **slender, pointed fruits** with a length of approximately **3–6 cm**. The pods usually grow **upright** on the plant and ripen from green to a **bright red**.

The plant is a **robust, perennial shrub** with an upright growth habit, reaching heights of **1.0–2.0 meters** in tropical climates. The leaves are **narrow, lance-shaped and dark green**. Malagueta plants are known for their high productivity and resilience.

Origin & Occurrence

Amazon region of South America. In Peru mainly cultivated in warm lowland areas within smallholder systems.

Cultivation & Plant

Perennial, robust chili shrub with upright growth. Prefers sunny to partially shaded locations and well-drained, nutrient-rich soils.

Harvest & Plant Lifespan

Multiple harvest cycles per year. Fruits are hand-harvested when fully ripe. Plant lifespan: approximately 3–5 years or longer.

Scoville (approx.)

60,000 – 100,000 SHU

Aroma & Flavor

Clean, direct heat with light fruitiness. Ideal for hot sauces, chili oils, marinades and dishes requiring pronounced spiciness.