

WILD AMAZONAS CHILIES – PRODUCT SHEET

AJI PUCUNUCHO

Aji Pucunicho is a traditional Amazonian chili from the Peruvian rainforest, known for its strong heat and twisted fruit shape.



Fruit & Plant characteristics

Aji Pucunicho fruits are **irregularly shaped, twisted and slightly wrinkled**. They reach a length of approximately **4–6 cm** and ripen from green over golden orange to **deep red**. Considerable variation in fruit shape is typical for this traditional Amazonian variety.

The plant grows as a **vigorous, perennial shrub** reaching heights of **1.2–1.6 meters**. The leaves are **broad, soft and deep green**. The plant is well adapted to humid tropical conditions and can produce fruit reliably over several years.

Origin & Occurrence

Peruvian Amazon, especially Madre de Dios and surrounding regions. Traditional variety cultivated in village and forest gardens.

Cultivation & Plant

Perennial chili shrub adapted to humid tropical environments. Prefers partial shade and organically rich soils.

Harvest & Plant Lifespan

Multiple harvests per year. Selective hand-harvesting of ripe fruits. Plant lifespan: about 3–5 years or longer.

Scoville (approx.)

70,000 – 120,000 SHU

Aroma & Flavor

Intensely hot with earthy-fruity notes. Suitable for bold sauces, spice pastes and traditional dishes emphasizing depth and heat.