

Extracting Essential Oils.

There are three different methods to extract essential oils with your Still Spirits 5 litre Still.

Method 1. Water dissolvable oils.

Soak the material containing the oils to be extracted in water for 24 to 48 hours. Strain off the solids leaving just the liquid behind.

Add this liquid to the still and bring to the boil. Make sure there is enough water flowing through the condenser to condense any steam which comes out of the condenser. Collect the distillate in 100 ml quantities. Test each 100 ml batch before combining to ensure quality is acceptable. As the condensate is driven off the nature of the oils will vary.

Method 2. Steam dissolvable oils.

Fill the still with 5 litres of water. Suspend the material containing the oils in a wire basket above the level of the water. Bring the still to the boil and collect the condensate which is produced. As the steam passes through the material, it will pick up the oils and carry them through with the condensate. Make sure there is enough water flowing through the condenser to condense any steam which comes out of the condenser.

Method 3. Alcohol dissolvable oils

Soak the material containing the oils to be extracted in 50%/V alcohol for 24 to 48 hours. Strain off the solids leaving just the liquid behind.

Add this liquid to the still and bring to the boil. Make sure there is enough water flowing through the condenser to condense any steam which comes out of the condenser. Collect the distillate in 100 ml quantities. Test each 100 ml batch before combining to ensure quality is acceptable. As the condensate is driven off the nature of the oils will vary.