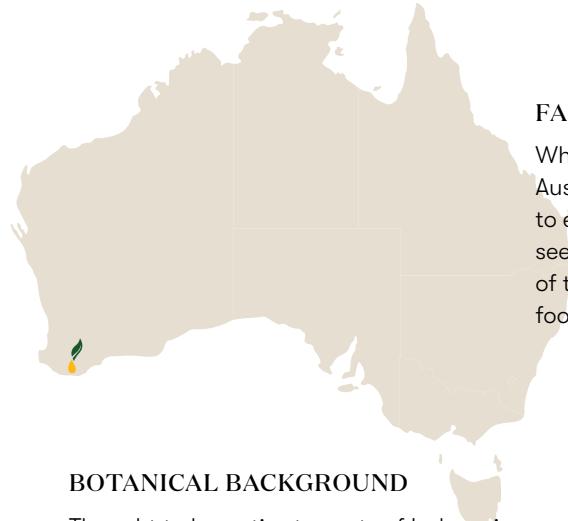


Albany, Western Australia,
Australia

ORD RIVER SANDALWOOD FARM AND DISTILLERY

Partner Since 2016

Botanical sourced from this farm: Sacred Sandalwood™



FARM LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

While this partner is headquartered in Perth, the sandalwood fields extend across Australia's tropical northern outback, with a distillery located in south Albany. In addition to expansive fields, the Ord River Sandalwood Farm and Distillery has developed its own seed orchards, which allow for continual improvement of the seed stock. While it's one of the world's largest sandalwood distilleries, this partner strives to leave the smallest footprint possible, recycling over 50 million gallons of water since 2010.

BOTANICAL BACKGROUND

Thought to be native to parts of Indonesia, sacred sandalwood (*Santalum album*) has been traded since the third century. Then, as now, it was celebrated for its sweet, warm, woodsy aroma, making it a valued botanical in perfume, personal care, incense, and candles. The oil and the wood are especially valued in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. Ancient Egyptians imported the wood and used it for embalming the dead and in ritual burnings to venerate the gods.

The Ord River Sandalwood Farm and Distillery is one of the world's largest sandalwood distilleries.

DISTILLING

This partner uses waste wood from nearby farms to power on-site steam distillation. While the fuel is basic, the technology is not. Ord River's computer-controlled biomass boiler optimizes the combustion of this waste wood for maximum energy with minimum waste, eliminating a whopping 65 percent of emissions that would result from fossil fuel-powered steam distillation. The leftovers, a compound called potash, is repurposed as soil-rebalancing mulch.



HOW THE FARM GOT ITS START

In June 2016, Young Living Founder D. Gary Young met with the owner of the Ord River Sandalwood Farm and Distillery. Gary was impressed not only by the quality of essential oil from this farm but also by its long-term plans for sustainably grown sandalwood. Sensitive to the issues of overharvesting, adulteration, and exploitation that have threatened wild sandalwood trees, Gary was thrilled to find a supplier who was taking steps to combat these issues through conservation and sustainability efforts.

Young Living and Ord River made the partnership official in 2016. This relationship continues to drive new product development while allowing Young Living to increase our Sacred Sandalwood essential oil supply to meet current and future demands without any compromise to quality or sustainability.



LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY



Conserving water. The Ord River Sandalwood Farm and Distillery recycled almost 7 million gallons of water in 2019 alone. On average, the farm recycles 5 million gallons a year, which equates to over 50 million gallons recycled over the past 10 years! For these efforts, the farm received the prestigious Champion Award from the Western Australia Water Corp.

Fighting exploitation. Due to the popularity of Sacred Sandalwood essential oil, wild sandalwood populations throughout India and Southeast Asia have been decimated, leading to essential oil adulteration and a proliferation of black-market supply chains. To protect sacred sandalwood from ongoing exploitation, the Ord River Sandalwood Farm and Distillery has made it its mission to cultivate and conserve these sought-after trees, all while producing only authentic, unadulterated Sacred Sandalwood essential oil.

Protecting wildlife. Ord River has partnered with conservation groups to limit environmental impact on native fauna. As a result, its fields have become home to more than 100 species of birds and wildlife.

DID YOU KNOW?



Since 1999 the Ord River Sandalwood Farm and Distillery has owned and operated one of the world's largest sandalwood farms, with more 32,000 acres of cultivated sandalwood trees.



Each year the farm team harvests 15-year-old trees, then replants saplings to replace the harvested trees, ensuring that the species continues to thrive.



Essential oil isn't the only product sacred sandalwood trees offer: They also produce sandalwood nuts, kernels with a creamy texture and nutty flavour. Ord River's on-site cafe offers pastries made with these flavourful nuts.