

IN THE PEAR PALACES THERE ARE LATERAL COURTYARDS. THE PEPPER ROOMS, OF THE EMPRESS AND THE CONCUBINES

THE PLASTER OF THE WALLS OF THESE CHAMBERS WAS MIXED WITH CHINESE PEPPER, TO KEEP THEM WARM AND ATTRACTIVELY AROMATIC

- TWO CAPITALS RHAPSODY
1ST CENTURY AD
BAN GU, HAN HISTORIAN

ZANTHOXYLUM
PIPERITUM

SICHUAN PEPPER

CITRUS FAMILY

FROM A TREE NOT A VINE LIKE BLACK PEPPER

NATIVE TO SOUTHEAST CHINA ALSO CALLED CHINESE PRICKLY ASH

THE MOST PRIZED AND POWERFUL OF THE SPECIES COMES FROM THE PROVINCE OF SICHUAN

A VARIETAL ALSO GROWS IN JAPAN. CALLED SANSHO, IT IS UNEXPECTEDLY DEAR, NOT BECAUSE OF FLAVOUR BUT RATHER, SUPPLY

WE USE THE SEED PODS & SEEDS AS THE SPICE. ALSO LEAVES

MENU

DUCK LEGS BRAISED IN APPLE CIDER

OR
BEAN & VEGETABLE & TOFU PRITTERS

UDON NOODLES

BRAISED GREEN BEANS

PLUM CHUTNEY

SICHUAN PEPPER COOKIES

SICHUAN PEPPER

A REMARKABLE SHOCKING FLAVOR PROGRESSION

NOSE: CITRUS, FLORAL ALMOST PRETTY

TASTE: STARTS CITRUSY THEN BUZZ/TINGLE! ELECTRIC. ALMOST NUMBING

FINISH: A LITTLE BIT OF BURN, A LITTLE SWEET

AMM. A PERFECT FIRST ENCOUNTER?

LAMENT

4th CENTURY BC
OLDEST LONG POEM IN CHINESE LITERATURE CONTAINS ALLEGORICAL REFERENCES TO SICHUAN PEPPER

HAN TOMB #1

165 BC
NORTHERN CHINA. THE TOMB OF THE MARQUIS OF JAI. EVIDENCE THAT IT HAD MOVED NORTH BUT NOT YET OUT FOR CHINA WAS STILL CLOSED. NO SILK ROAD TRADE

SICHUAN PEPPERCORNS AND KAFFIR LIME WERE BANNED IN THE US UNTIL FAIRLY RECENTLY FOR FEAR OF IMPORTING A PARTICULAR CITRUS BUGH