The Tea Primer: 5 Basic Types of Tea

Words to Know

Camellia sinensis:
The plant from which tea is made.

Terrior:
The idea that the flavor of the tea is influenced by the soil and the local weather where the plant is grown.

Flush:
The time period when new growth emerges on the tea plant. Common designations are first flush, second flush, and autumnal.

1. Black Tea	2. Oolong Tea	3. Green Tea	4. White Tea	5. Pu'erh Tea
Plucking the Leaves	Plucking the Leaves	Plucking the Leaves	Plucking the Leaves	Plucking the Leaves
Withering	Withering	Withering	Withering	Withering
Rolling	Rolling	Firing	Drying	Firing
Oxidation to a dark, rich color	Partial oxidation during re-rolling	Shaping		Rolling
		Firing		Drying
Firing	Firing			Rolling
				Fermentation