

WILD AMERICAN GINSENG

ETHICAL HARVESTING & GOOD STEWARDSHIP

'GOOD STEWARDSHIP' MEANS POSITIVELY INTERACTING WITH A GINSENG POPULATION YEAR AFTER YEAR, TO ENSURE A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR THAT POPULATION, AS WELL AS PLANNING FOR FUTURE HARVESTS. MONITORING HEALTHY POPULATIONS, PLANTING EVERY SEED, AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE FUTURE OF WILD GINSENG IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF THIS RARE & VALUABLE PLANT!

'ETHICAL HARVEST' MEANS TO SELECTIVELY HARVEST LESS THAN 1/3 OF A HEALTHY WILD GINSENG POPULATION. ALWAYS PLANT THE SEEDS INSIDE THE RED BERRIES FROM EVERY SINGLE PLANT.

GET PERMISSION

YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO DIG GINSENG ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR STATE GINSENG LAWS BEFORE HARVESTING. NEW LAWS ARE NOW BEING ENFORCED.

DIG IN SEASON

IN MANY STATES THE GINSENG SEASON STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 1ST. THE PURPOSE OF THE HARVEST SEASON IS TO ENSURE THAT THE PLANT HAS HAD TIME TO PRODUCE SEEDS. THE SEEDS CONTAINED WITHIN THE RED BERRIES WILL TAKE ALMOST 2 YEARS TO BECOME PLANTS, AND 5 - 8 YEARS TO PRODUCE BERRIES OF THEIR OWN!!

PLANT EVERY SEED

PROPERLY PLANT EVERY RED BERRY YOU SEE, EVEN ON PLANTS THAT YOU ARE NOT HARVESTING. THE RED BERRIES ON A MATURE PLANT CONTAIN THE FRESH SEEDS THAT WILL BECOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF GINSENG. THEY ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE PLANT SPECIES. GINSENG GROWS VERY SLOWLY AND EVERY SINGLE SEED MATTERS!

DIG ONLY 3 + 4 PRONGS

HARVEST ONLY MATURE GINSENG PLANTS WITH 3 OR MORE PRONGS. ONLY HARVEST 1/3 OF THE MATURE GINSENG FROM A HEALTHY POPULATION! IF YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE NECK TO JUDGE THE AGE, IT'S BETTER TO LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND TO GROW! IT'S IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO LEAVE SMALL MATURE PLANTS TO PRODUCE SEEDS UNTIL THEY HAVE LARGER ROOTS.

DIG CAREFULLY

REPLANT SMALL GINSENG ROOTS THAT CAN BECOME EXPOSED WHEN DIGGING LARGER PLANTS. ONE DAY THEY WILL BECOME HUGE PLANTS! DIG CAREFULLY & TAKE CARE TO PRESERVE THE HAIR ROOTS, & ALL OF THE PIECES INTACT, AS THESE ARE MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN UNDERAGED & ILLEGAL ROOTS.

EVERY SEED MATTERS! HARVEST RESPONSIBLY

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