

SERVING YOUR APPETITE



**Prawn, avocado
and dragon fruit salad**



Dragon fruit ice cream



**Beef steak with grilled corn
and dragon fruit salsa**



Dragon fruit shake



**Coconut panna cotta with
red dragon fruit sauce**



Red dragon fruit cocktail



**Vietnamese
DRAGON FRUITS**

**THE TROPICAL PRESENT
WRAPPED IN A MYSTIC BEAUTY**

TESTIMONIALS

"The path for dragon fruits to arrive in Australia was far from short and straightforward, but we have made it, and for that we should be extremely proud. It symbolizes a step forward in bilateral trade promotion between Viet Nam and Australia."

Tran Quoc Khanh
Deputy Minister - Ministry of Industry and Trade of Viet Nam

"The subtle flavor of Vietnamese dragon fruits has been recognized outside the borders, from Japan and Korea to many European countries as well as the United States."

Hoang Minh Son
Consulate General of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Sydney

AN EXQUISITE ADDITION TO THE KINGDOM OF TROPICAL FLAVORS

A SUPPLEMENT OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD

A HEALTHY SELECTION FOR CONSUMERS WORLDWIDE

The cactus-like trees were brought to Viet Nam in the 19th century from Mexico and other Central-South American countries for ornamental purposes. Their fruits have only been used for nourishment since the 80s, by then named "Dragon fruit", and have been more and more popular for their unique appearance and subtle tropical taste.

Dragon fruit orchards can be found in 30 provinces and cities throughout Viet Nam, with over 40,000 hectares for commercial purposes. The largest cultivated areas are located in Binh Thuan, Tien Giang and Long An, occupying over 93.6% of the total area and 95.5% of the total output; followed by Tay Ninh, Dong Nai, Central Highlands and several Northern provinces.

The cultivation of dragon fruits in Viet Nam has ensured full compliance with VietGAP standard since 2002. By the end of 2012, 6,803 hectares of dragon fruits were certified by VietGAP (6,580 ha) and GlobalGAP (223 ha). Orchards of dragon fruits for export have been covering growing areas in recent years.



The majority of dragon fruits in Viet Nam are *Hylocereus undatus*, with pink skin and white flesh, accounting for 95% of the total area and output. The other species is the red-skinned and red-fleshed *Hylocereus costaricensis*, commonly grown in Binh Thuan.

Dragon fruits are in season from April to October in Viet Nam, with their most flourishing period from May to August.



However, orchards have now been able to produce dragon fruits all year round, with excellent quality and a bountiful amount of outputs.



Viet Nam is currently exporting 80% of its annual dragon fruit output, making it the world's largest dragon fruit exporter, dominating market shares in Asia, Europe and at several points the United States.

In September 2016, the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources completed the draft report on the assessment of fresh dragon fruits from Viet Nam. The report stated that all dragon fruit cultivation areas for commercial purposes in Viet Nam were qualified for import into the Australian market.

Vietnamese dragon fruits were officially granted permission for import into the Australian market; provided that all current regulations and standards issued by the Australian government are strictly followed.

