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THE TREND ALERT

THIS ISSUE:
TODAY'S HOT TEA TRENDS



STEEPED IN SUCCESS

Adding on-trend hot tea options to your menu is a great way to captivate customers, build loyalty, and boost sales. The Red Diamond® Trend Alert is here to keep you ahead of the curve with the latest insights and tips for creating unforgettable hot tea experiences.

A diamond-shaped image showing several small wooden bowls filled with different types of loose-leaf tea, including some with fruit and herbs. A red cup with a lemon slice is also visible.

60%

of consumers of
consumers love or
like hot tea.¹

BREW LIKE A BOSS—TODAY'S TOP HOT TEA FLAVOR TRENDS²

SWEET & SPICY
FUSION

CITRUS & HERB
PAIRINGS

EXOTIC FLORAL
INFUSIONS

TROPICAL
ESCAPES

¹ Datassential Menu Trends


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HOT TEA TAKES

THE HOT TEA TRENDS TODAY'S CONSUMERS ARE CRAVING.

Steeped in Growth



Hot tea has claimed its place as the second-leading hot drink subcategory, boasting a 2% rise in product launches over the past five years.¹

Flavor Frenzy

The favorites are in: chamomile and mint are dominating the tea scene. With these crowd-pleasers, your tea lineup will always be in vogue.¹

Warm & Fuzzy Feelings

Health benefits are a big draw for hot teas. Tea is high in heart healthy antioxidants and provides drinkers with a rich, flavorful, and beneficial beverage.

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TOP 3 TIPS FOR THE PERFECT HOT TEA PRESENTATION

1

BREW-TIFUL VARIETY

A proper tea experience starts with offering a selection of premium teas—black, green and herbal. Detailed menu descriptions help customers choose their perfect cup.

Check out our new Morris & Park® Hot Tea Line!

2

PERFECT YOUR PRESENTATION

A well-prepared and visually appealing tea service can enhance the guest experience. Elevate your tea service by focusing on precise steeping techniques as well as providing a thoughtful presentation.

Tea setup tips

3

PERSONALIZED PICKS

Customization is key! Offer lemon slices, milk, cream, sugar, and alternative sweeteners so patrons can create their ideal cup.



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RED DIAMOND RECIPE CORNER



BROWN SUGAR SPICE BUBBLE CHAI

Indulge in a cozy twist on bubble tea! This recipe blends spiced chai with brown sugar, a creamy frothy topping, and chewy tapioca pearls for a decadent sip of comfort and fun.

INGREDIENTS

- ✓ 2 Morris & Park® Chai tea bags
- ✓ Cooked tapioca pearls
- ✓ 12 ounces hot water
- ✓ 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ✓ 1 to 2 cups ice
- ✓ ¼ cup heavy cream
- ✓ 1 teaspoon superfine granulated sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare tapioca pearls according to the package.
2. Steep tea in hot water 7 minutes. Strain and stir in brown sugar.
3. Pour about ½ cup tapioca pearls in a tall cup and fill with ice. Top with tea.
4. In a tall glass, beat heavy cream and granulated sugar with a milk frother until creamy.
5. Pour over tea and stir to combine.

THE COZY COMET

Serve up a signature tea latte that's ready to help your customers relax. Morris & Park Hot Tea meets steamed oat milk and a drizzle of cinnamon honey for a plant-based, barista-worthy beverage with broad appeal.

INGREDIENTS

- ✓ 1 Morris & Park® English Breakfast tea bag
- ✓ 6 ounces Hot Water
- ✓ 4 ounces steamed oat milk
- ✓ 1 teaspoon cinnamon honey drizzle

DIRECTIONS

1. Steep tea for 4 minutes in hot water.
2. Steam oat milk until warm and frothy.
3. Combine tea and steamed milk in a mug.
4. Drizzle with cinnamon honey on top.

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YOU STAY ONE
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