



The Story of the World's Oldest Confection.

The Anis de l'Abbaye de Flavigny is little, round, white and no bigger than a pea. This time-tested candy hides in its heart both the anise seed...and a very old, old story that unfolded in the picturesque hills of Burgundy, France so many centuries ago.

Rome invaded Gaul in 50 BC. The Roman legions brought with them the anise plant, originally grown in the Mediterranean region, as a healing herb for their wounded soldiers. When the war ended 2 years later, the Roman general Flavinus built a villa in what later became the village of Flavigny (Fla-vin-ee).

In 718 AD, the Abbey was founded in Flavigny. It is said but not documented that in 873 a monk offered 3 pounds of aniseed candy to Pope Jean VIII when he came to consecrate the Abbey.

Archives do document that Flavigny's anise candy existed since at least medieval times. This cherished candy of kings and queens has endured with uniquely natural flavors over a tiny aniseed, an altogether pleasing surprise! King Henry IV (1553-1610) and Shakespeare (1564-1616) may themselves have savored this delicious sweet!

Following the French Revolution in 1759, the monks left the Abbey. Some villagers took to making their own anise candy. By the 18th century, families manufacturing the candy unified and established themselves inside the ancient Abbey. First the family Mongenet, followed by the family Galimard, and since 1923, the family Troubat.

In 1992, the French government distinguished the ancient Abbey de Flavigny by naming it as one of France's 100 remarkable taste sites. Others include St. Emilion, Cognac, and Cointreau. Flavigny has been honored for its story, quality and because the candy is still made in the ancient Abbey.

Today, over 30% of the production of the Abbey is exported to 13 countries. The most popular flavor is Violette. There are 7 other flavors: mint, anis, rose, orange blossom, jasmine, coffee, and cinnamon.

Flavigny may be the only real taste of medieval times you can truly savor.

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