

Twinings Sweet Dreams

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Twinings Sweet Dreams, in summary: A valerian-led evening blend with the earthy valerian musk masked behind berry sweetness. Caffeine-free, mainstream supermarket pricing. Taste, brewing and UK price below.

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Twinings Sweet Dreams is the brand's berry-sweetened [valerian](#) blend: valerian root, [chamomile](#), [lavender](#) and apple, plus berry flavouring. The fruit notes mask valerian's earthy musk, which is the main complaint about plain valerian teas. A caffeine-free evening cup, and with mainstream [supermarket](#) distribution it is the easiest valerian blend to buy in the UK.

The blend

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Valerian root (the lead herb), chamomile flower, lavender, and apple pieces for natural sweetness and body, plus blackberry and elderberry flavour for the "Sweet Dreams" character. The berry layer is what sets this apart from Twinings' plain Sleep blend: the same herbs, a much sweeter and fruitier profile.

How it tastes

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Sweet, fruity, with a lavender and chamomile floral middle and a faint earthy valerian finish. The berry character is genuinely there; this is not a token fruit flavouring. Drinkers who tried plain valerian teas and bounced off the muskiness usually find Sweet Dreams much more drinkable. Curator Rating: 4.9/5.

How to brew

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1. 1 bag in 200ml just-boiled water.
2. Cover the cup; valerian's aromatics escape fast otherwise.
3. Steep 7-10 minutes, longer than a standard herbal, as valerian root is slow to give up its character.
4. Drink 30-45 minutes before bed.
5. Honey is fine; milk muddies the herbal profile.

Caffeine

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None. As a caffeine-free blend it is built for the evening.

Pregnancy and children

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Best avoided in pregnancy and not suitable for children under 12, as valerian is not recommended for either. A plain chamomile or [lemon balm](#) blend is the gentler choice during pregnancy.

Sweet Dreams vs Twinings Sleep vs Pukka Night Time

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Twinings Sleep: the same valerian-led core, no berry sweetening, more medicinal in flavour. Twinings Sweet Dreams: this product, berry-sweetened and more drinkable. Pukka Night Time: oat flower, lavender and lime flower, no valerian, the gentlest of the three. Yogi Bedtime: valerian with cinnamon and cardamom, more spice-forward. Pick on flavour preference; Pukka is the noticeably milder one.

The valerian context

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Valerian root has been used as a sleep herb since Ancient Greece. It tends to suit consistent drinking over a week or two rather than a one-off, as the wind-down builds across several nights rather than landing on the first cup. Some drinkers also report unusually vivid dreams.

Why Sweet Dreams works

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The clever bit of this blend is using berry sweetness and a bright pink colour to mask the earthy, musky taste of valerian root, which is the single biggest reason people give up on straight valerian teas. The deep pink reads as "fruit infusion" rather than "medicinal herbal", the blackberry and elderberry notes do the flavour cover, and chamomile sits underneath. That matters more than it sounds: drinkers who buy plain valerian often abandon it within a week because the taste is genuinely difficult, then decide valerian is not for them when really they stopped after three nights. By making it pleasant to drink, Sweet Dreams keeps you drinking it long enough to tell whether it suits you. The real innovation here is drinkability, not the recipe.

Good to know

It is sensible not to combine valerian with prescription sleep medication, other sedatives, or a lot of alcohol on the same night, as the combination can leave you groggy in the morning.

FAQ

Caffeine? None.

Vegan? Yes.

vs pure valerian? The berry character softens valerian's earthy musk; it is the same lead herb.

Pregnancy? Best avoided.

How long before bed? About 30-45 minutes.

Habit forming? Tea-strength valerian is not habit forming; supplement strength can be if used nightly for months.

In short: Twinings Sweet Dreams

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Field	Detail
Brand	Twinings (Superblends Sweet Dreams variant)
Type	Caffeine-free wellness sleep infusion with berry top notes
Hero ingredients	Valerian root, chamomile, hibiscus, elderberry, blackcurrant flavouring
Caffeine	0mg, naturally caffeine-free

Field	Detail
Cup character	Deep pink-red, berry-sweet top, gentle valerian earthiness, soft chamomile base
Best for	Drinkers who want valerian but find the straight valerian taste off-putting
UK availability	Tesco, Sainsbury's, Boots, Twinings.co.uk, most major UK supermarkets
UK price	Approximately £3.50 to £4.50 per 20-bag pack (17-22p per cup)

Curator's note: Twinings Sweet Dreams is a more accessible valerian based sleep blend. Worth keeping for berry flavour preference. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

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- [EFSA Scientific Opinion on the Safety of Caffeine \(2015\)](#)

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Sleep-tea reading

For brand background see the [Twinings brand wiki](#). For the ingredients see the [valerian guide](#), the [chamomile guide](#), and the [hibiscus guide](#).

The bottom line on Twinings Sweet Dreams

The most palatable valerian-based evening tea on supermarket shelves, well-judged for anyone who wants valerian without its funk. Worth keeping in the evening cupboard, especially if you have tried straight valerian and disliked the taste. Give it a week or two of nightly drinking before judging; the wind-down builds rather than arriving on night one.

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