Authentic Mexican Chiles Comparison

PRODUCT/FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	FLAVOR	PUNGENCY (SHU)	APPLICATIONS
ANCHO (Mulato and Red) • Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen) • Roasted	Dried poblano chile with a color ranging from brick red to dark mahogany. One of the "holy trinity" of chiles, Ancho is one of the most commonly used chiles in Mexico.	Mild fruity flavor with hints of licorice, coffee, dried plum and raisin. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 1,000 to 4,000	MarinadesMoles and other sauces
CHILACA • Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen) • Roasted	Dried chile with an elongated shape and bright red to orange in color. Chilaca has a thinner skin than most chiles.	Mild chile flavor with a sweeter note than many other chiles, such as Ancho. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 3,000 to 7,000	MarinadesPicklingSauces
CHILE de ARBOL • Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen) • Roasted	Small, elongated dried chile with a brick red color. Chile de Arbol is related to cayenne and is fairly pungent.	Sharp, searing and acidic flavor with a mild grassy note. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 15,000 to 40,000	SaucesSoupsStews
• Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen)	Dried, smoked red jalapeño chile with a color ranging from dull red to coffee brown. Often called Chipotle Morita, Chipotle is a foundation flavor in Mexican and Southwestern cooking.	Sweet, smoky flavor with chocolate and tobacco tones, a rich finish and deep, full-bodied heat. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 15,000 to 30,000	 Marinades Salsas Sauces Soups
GUAJILLO • Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen) • Roasted	Dried chile with an elongated shape and a deep orange/red color. Guajillo is one of the most popular chiles in Mexico.	Slightly tannic, with flavor hints of berry, green tea and a medium sweet heat. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 2,000 to 8,000	Chile saucesSalsasSoupsStews
HABANERO • Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen)	Dried a deep red to brown red color, Habanero is native to the Yucatan. Used in chutneys, sauces, salsas and marinades.	Extremely pungent with fruity citrus-like flavors and floral aroma. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 150,000 to 350,000	Chile saucesChutneysSalsasSoupsStews
PASILLA • Flakes • Ground • Paste (Frozen) • Roasted	Dried chile with a wrinkled, elongated shape and dark, almost black, in color. Pasilla is also known as Chile Negro and is one of the chile "holy trinity."	Mildly pungent and somewhat bitter in taste with berry, grape and herbaceous tones. Sulfite-free.	Typical range 1,000 to 4,000	MolesRich, creamy saucesSeasonings

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