

Périgord Truffle - *Tuber melanosporum*

Traits: firm, irregular, sphere, 10 cm + in diam.; peridium (bark) reddish to black; gleba (flesh) white, mellow, stuck to peridium, purple black with fine white veines; no stem; dark brown spore; intense musk, humus, spices aroma

Where: limestone soil, cultivated worldwide except extreme aridity / frost, symbiotic with oak, hazelnut, many others trees

When: during winter everywhere

Look-alikes: *T. brumale*, less prized, and very similar *T. indicum*, worthless

