

《震惊！中国从五千年前就开始喝啤酒》

导读:一项最新研究发现，中国人也许从五千年前就开始喝啤酒了。



US and Chinese researchers say they found traces of barley, millet, grain, and tubers used in fermentation.

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It was found on pottery discovered in Shaanxi province in northern China during an archaeological dig 10 years ago.

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It would be the earliest known instance of beer-making in China and suggest a sophisticated approach.

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Published in the US Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the study also suggested that barley may have been used for booze before being used for food.

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The pottery fragments were originally found in an archaeological dig in 2004-2006, but only had their residue analysed by Stanford University researchers in late 2015, confirming earlier speculation by Chinese scholars that they might have been used for brewing.

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The find included pots and pottery funnels, covered with a residue of broomcorn millet, barley, a chewy grain known as Job's tears, and tubers.

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It also included stoves that could have been used to heat and mash grains, as well as underground spaces that would have kept the brew at a cool, consistent fermentation temperature - and helped stop it going off quickly once it was made.

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"The discovery of barley is a surprise," lead author Jiajing Wang of Stanford University told the BBC in an email, as it was previously thought the grain arrived in China 1,000 years later.

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"This beer recipe indicates a mix of Chinese and Western traditions - barley from the West; millet, Job's tears and tubers from China."

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The latest find would suggest that drinkers in China first began to develop a taste for beer around the same time as people in ancient Egypt and Iran - from where the barley may have come.

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The exact taste of the ancient brew will remain a mystery however, as while the scientists say they know what ingredients were used, they don't know the quantities.

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