

# A new leaf

We'll take **Tranquil Tuesdays'** tea any day

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Few things come between the Chinese and their tea, yet the traditional drink has been slow to get a contemporary update. Enter Tranquil Tuesdays, a Beijing-based brand specialising in unscented and unblended Chinese teas. The label's six handpicked offerings – two oolongs, white tea, green tea, black tea and Pu'Er – are all carefully selected from small family-run estates by 30-year-old founder Charlene Wang (Tranquil Tuesdays is committed to developing the skills of underprivileged women from rural communities). A second, darker oolong, the Phoenix Honey Orchid, was recently added to the range to complement the existing, more delicate Tie Guan Yin. The company exercises similar diligence towards its handcrafted teaware (not pictured), produced by three graduates of the Jingdezhen Ceramics Academy. [www.tranquiltuesdays.com](http://www.tranquiltuesdays.com)

