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Sarsaparilla

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An herbal product made from the dried root of the several perennial trailing vines of the genus Smilax, native to Central America. Sarsaparilla, used commonly as a flavoring, contains steroidal saponins, numerous phytosterols and flavonoids.