Klingon Raktajino

Klingon coffee, served steamed or iced, can be seen in episodes of Star Trek: Deep Space 9 and Star Trek: Voyager.

This coffee beverage appeared in two versions of Star Trek in the 2370s—Star Trek Deep Space Nine and Star Trek: Voyager. The coffee appeared in an unusual serving mug in an episode of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine called “Dax” in Season 1, a DS9 episode that aired February 14, 1993. According to the script for a Star Trek: Deep Space Nine episode called “Afterimage” that aired in Season 9, this beverage’s name is pronounced “ROCK-ta-GEE-no.”

Raktajino Mug
The purple Raktajino mug seen in Quark’s bar was custom made for the show. A mug seen in OPS had a more straight-lined shape.

Recipe
Raktajinos can be made with organic coffee beans using a drip coffeemaker, or a French press. A light roast means the beans are not burned. Dashes of cinnamon and nutmeg can be added as well as cream and sugar.

Cassia cinnamon sticks also tend to be softer and crumblier than Cassia cinnamon sticks.

Ceylon Cinnamon
There are two forms or cinnamon—Ceylon cinnamon and Cassia cinnamon. Most of the cinnamon sold in stores or restaurants is the Cassia version.

If you are lucky, the package will state whether the cinnamon was produced from the bark of Cinnamomum zeylanicum/Cinnamomum verum (Ceylon cinnamon) or from Cinnamomum cassia also known as Cinnamomum aromaticum.

Ceylon cinnamon is often referred to as the “true cinnamon” or “real cinnamon.” Ceylon cinnamon is primarily produced in Sri Lanka.

Cassia cinnamon contains approximately 250 times more coumarin that can be toxic to your liver and kidneys. It may even lead to liver damage or failure.

Ceylon cinnamon has a lighter color and smoother texture with a taste that is more delicate and slightly sweeter than Ceylon cinnamon sticks.

Episodes With Raktajino
Before Odo put an end to his daily security briefings to Major Kira he would have a freshly-replicated cup of Raktajino waiting for her when she arrived (DS9: “Crossfire”).

The Jennifer Sisko from the mirror universe enjoyed Raktajino, as Jake Sisko made her a cup the same day she kidnapped (DS9: “Shattered Mirror”).

Jake enjoyed his Raktajino extra sweet, and drank it with makapa bread, which when dipped in the Raktajino would induce it to froth up with a peppermint-flavored foam. This was not a very common pairing, as Benjamin, a dedicated Raktajino drinker, was surprised the first time he witnessed it (DS9: “For the Cause”).

DVD Boxed Sets
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- Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Seasons 1 to 7
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