

# The Bitter Side of Sugar

One more reason to curb your sweet tooth: A recent study published in JAMA Internal Medicine found that subjects who consumed 10-25% of their daily calories in added sugars had a 30% higher risk of dying from heart disease. That risk tripled when added sugars accounted for more than 25% of daily calories. "People need to get away from the mentality that 'fat makes you fat,'" says nutritionist Sara Vance. "There are still so many low-fat and nonfat foods that we're told to eat, but the irony is that many of these foods are loaded with sugar." To stave off the sugar rush, read labels carefully and choose healthy fats, such as avocado and coconut oil, which can help regulate hunger hormones. —Amy Schlinger

# **Pressing Ahead**

Cold-pressed juice seems to be popping up everywhere lately, from grocery store shelves to boutique smoothie shops. Why? The beverage made by slowly crushing fruits and vegetables to squeeze out nearly every drop without introducing the high heat and oxygen that a "traditional" (centrifugal) juicer produces—is purportedly healthier than its conventional counterpart because fewer nutrients are destroyed during the heatless process.

"Cold-pressed juice offers far more phytonutrients and retains them longer," says Ariane Resnick, a wellness expert and chef. Get in on the goodness with these blended options:

### **Organic Pure Tart Cherry Juice**

Packed with a superfood that contains micronutrients, vitamins, and minerals, the cherry juice from Lakewood Organic can improve absorption of iron, promote better digestive health, and support the immune system. \$10.59 for 32 oz, shoporganic.com

Studies have shown that watermelon can help with muscle recovery. With fewer than 12 grams of sugar, 21/2 times more potassium than a banana, and tons of electrolytes as well as vitamins A and C, this juice may become your go-to post-workout drink. \$5.50, Whole Foods stores

### Fuji Apple Cold-Pressed Juice

Apple juice grows up a bit in this subtle but sweet apple juice from Red Jacket, which features more than half your daily vitamin C needs in a single serving, plus 3 grams of fiber. \$18 for six-pack, redjacketorchards.com -A.S.





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