

EQUADOR



Region

Galapagos, San Cristobal

Producer

Hacienda El Cafetal

Altitude

400 - 900 masl

Variety

Bourbon

Harvest Period

July - Aug & Dec - Feb

Classification

Screen 15 up

Processing

Washed



LIST + BEISLER

ECUADOR WASHED ARABICA GALAPAGOS SAN CRISTOBAL, ORGANIC

silky body • honey • molasses • lime • hint of rosehip

Ecuador, located on the equator in South America, is celebrated for its diverse landscapes and cultures. The Galápagos Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated roughly 1,000 kilometers off Ecuador's Pacific coast, are globally recognized for their unique ecosystems and their role in Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. The archipelago consists of 127 islands and islets, of which 19 are large and inhabited. Together they cover around 8,000 km², with 97% of the total surface falling under the Galápagos National Park.

San Cristobal, one of the largest islands in the archipelago, stands as a unique oasis with abundant fresh spring water. Nourished by rivers fed from the volcanic crater lake "El Junco," the mineral-rich water sustains the fertile volcanic soil on the sun-drenched southern slopes, fostering life on the island. In 1867, the young Ecuadorian entrepreneur Don Manuel J. Cobos, from Cuenca, embarked on a mission to establish a coffee business on the island. He imported Bourbon seeds from the French Antilles, and by 1878, he had successfully planted 100 hectares of this variety on Hacienda El Cafetal, which continues to produce exceptional coffee to this day.

Today, the farm encompasses more than 300 hectares of coffee plantations. As a designated protected area, the use of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and any other chemical products is strictly prohibited, ensuring the cultivation of excellent organic coffees. Moreover, the farm's unique climatic conditions, combined with the isolation of the islands, provide several advantages seldom found elsewhere, including the absence of typical coffee pests.

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