

KENYA



Region

Nyeri

Producer

Kamoini Factory, member of Othaya
Farmers' Cooperative Society

Altitude

1,650 - 1,840 masl

Variety

SL 38 ,SL 28, Ruiru 11

Harvest Period

May-Jun & Nov-Dec

Processing

Washed

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Kenya is renowned for cultivating some of the most intense coffees globally. Some people believe this is drawn from the red volcanic soils surrounding Mount Kenya. But variety, micro-climate, altitude, and the adequate balance of rain and sunshine play an essential role in the definition of this high-quality coffee. The total area under coffee cultivation in Kenya is estimated at 160,000 hectares.

The majority of its coffee comes from Central Kenya, an area renowned for the exceptional quality and complexity of its coffee. However, Kenya boasts approximately 10 distinct coffee-producing regions. Nyeri, located in the Central Province, is one of them. The Kamoini Factory (wet mill) is in Othaya, a part of Nyeri County, which is located along the Ichama River, between the fertile highlands of the Mount Kenya Forest Reserve and the Mountain Range of Aberdare, 85km from the capital city of Nairobi. The wet mill is part of Othaya Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited and processes the cherries from some 700 small farmers in the area. These farmers typically grow SL28, SL34, Ruiru 11, and Batian varieties, along with other trees such as bananas, grevillea, and macadamia for intercropping and shade.

In Kenya, coffee is graded using a combination of bean size and quality. For instance, AA is for the larger beans with screen size 18+ and PB is a grade for peaberries, which are single beans grown inside a coffee cherry instead of two. All coffee is sorted meticulously, properly de-pulped, washed, and dried under the African sun on so-called "African Beds" until reaching the optimum rate of moisture, approximately 12%, after processing.

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