



Region

Chikmagalur Karnataka

Producer

Kathle Khan Estate

Altitude

1,200 masl

Variety

Various

Harvest Period

Dec - Feb

Processing

Washed



INDIA WASHED ARABICA PLANTATION AA LITTLE FLOWER, KATHLEKHAN ESTATE

moderate bright acidity • smooth • chocolate • pecan • red pepper

India is a country full of color: bowls of spices in brick-red and ocher shades in vivid market streets, turquoise water hitting golden beaches, and verdant volcanic mountains pervading picturesque flora. The state of Karnataka is shaped by the Western Ghats mountain range. It is home to one of the greatest biodiversity hot spots in the world and provides excellent conditions for growing coffee.

The Kathlekhan Estate Arabica is part of the List + Beisler Little Flower brand series. Measuring a total size of 513ha, Kathlekhan is not only one of the largest, but also one of the remotest and oldest estates in the country. The extraordinary environment gives a name to the farm: Kathlekhan means Dark Forest in Kannada, the locally spoken language. Originally a dense forest, this area even remains almost dark during daytime, as sunlight only filters lightly through the thick foliage. Bordered by over 40,500ha of dense forest area, called the Bhadra Tiger Reserve, even today panthers, tigers, elephants, bison, and pythons roam freely within this area.

In addition to the cultivation of coffee, the plantation intercropped with pepper, cardamom, areca nut, and orange. The variety of native forest trees such as silver Silver Oak, Jackfruit, and Teakwood do not only provide shade for the coffee plants but also give shelter and protection to the above-mentioned wildlife while minimizing soil erosion at the same time. Thanks to the combination of the high growing altitude and the shade of the trees the coffee ripens slower so the cherries can develop their full flavor. Once entirely ripened, they are carefully handpicked, pulped, and naturally fermented before being washed and finally graded.

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