

NICARAGUA



Region

Estelí, Madriz & Nueva Segovia

Producer

Smallholder farmers from PRODECOOP

Altitude

1,200 - 1,500 masl

Processing

Washed

NICARAGUA WASHED ARABICA SHG EP ORGANIC

bright • chocolate • nutty • herbs

In this large but thinly populated country, coffee production has suffered for a long time from devastating hurricanes and political and financial instability. Nevertheless, coffee is Nicaragua's main export product. Producers are keen to develop their agricultural practices within an improving infrastructure to revive their reputation in the specialty coffee scene.

This coffee is a great example of the increasing quality in the country. It comes from smallholder producers, all members of Promotora de Desarrollo Cooperativa de las Segovias (PRODECOOP). It is made up of about 38 base cooperatives and over 2,600 individual producers. Approximately 27% of smallholder farmers in the cooperative are women, around 50% are certified Organic, and 100% of them are certified with Fairtrade.

The majority of members are growing Caturra and Bourbon varieties which grow across three different departments in the north of Nicaragua: Estelí, Madriz, and Nueva Segovia. Grown at altitudes between 1,200 and 1,500 masl this coffee has the Strictly High Grown (SHG) designation. These coffees tend to have an excellent reputation, due to the higher altitudes and cooler temperatures, beans develop more slowly and mature into very dense and rich coffee cherries, often offering high complexity and sweetness in the cup.

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