

NICARAGUA



Region

Jinotega

Producer

Cooperativa Sacaclí

Altitude

800 - 1.200 masl

Variety

Catuai, Maragotype, Catimor and Caturra

Harvest Period

Dec - March

Processing

Washed

NICARAGUA WASHED ARABICA SHG EP FAIRTRADE (FLO), ORGANIC

citric acidity • round body • chocolate • nutty • fresh herbs

Nicaragua is the fourth largest coffee producer in Central America. Coffee from this thinly populated country is of high quality and complex flavor. In the past, coffee production suffered from political and financial instability. Luckily, the situation has visibly recovered in the past 20 years. Producers are now keen to develop their agricultural practices within an improving infrastructure to revive their reputation in the specialty coffee scene.

In the rural northwest of Nicaragua, the mountains of Matagalpa and Jinotega are located where cloud forests mix with coffee plantations. Within this setting, the Cooperativa de Servicios Múltiples Sacaclí was set up in 1994. Twenty-five men and six women formed the cooperative to finance themselves independently and sell their coffee for a fair price.

Nowadays, the cooperative Sacaclí counts for some 540 members, of which 93 are women. The members do not only rely on coffee but also cultivate vegetables such as tomatoes, pepper, and onions, as well as soybeans. Sacaclí offers its members assistance in production, technical matters, and financial services. To seek external support, they also work with more than 12 agricultural organizations and have strategic partners to market their coffees to Europe, Canada, and the US. In recent years, the cooperative is focusing on sustainable practices and implementing modern agricultural techniques. As a result, they received the Organic and Fairtrade certification, which secures a steady income for all members.

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