

BRAZIL



Region

Sul de Minas

Producer

Various

Altitude

700 - 1,400 masl

Variety

Various

Harvest Period

May - Sep

Classification

Screen 17/18

Processing

Natural



LIST + BEISLER

BRAZIL NATURAL ARABICA

SANTOS SUL DE MINAS, NY 2/3, SCR 17/18, STRICTLY SOFT, GOOD CUP

bakers chocolate • nuts

Brazil's coffee production represents about one-third of the entire coffee production making it by far the biggest producer worldwide for the last 150 years. Both Arabica and Robusta are grown, the latter known as Conillon, whereas Arabica dominates with a growing share of ca. 80%. Among the most predominant coffee-producing regions are Bahia, Espirito Santo, Minas Gerais, and São Paulo.

This coffee comes from Santos, in Sul de Minas. Situated in the southern part of the Minas Gerais state, this mountainous region is a major contributor to Brazil's coffee production, accounting for approximately 30% of the country's total coffee output.

Coffees from Brazil are uniquely described in detail: NY 2/3 stands for "New York 2/3" and refers to the maximum number of allowed defects according to the defect count method of the New York Stock Exchange. Screen 17/18 defines the bean size as being the biggest among the Brazilian grades. Strictly soft, good cup describes the cup profile, indicating a clean, smooth cup with low acidity and light body. The most common processing method in Brazil, used for about 90% of the Arabicas produced, is the dry process, also known as unwashed or natural.

After harvesting, the cherries are cleaned and then either placed in thin layers under the sun to dry on patios or dried in drying machines. Coffee plantations in Brazil often cover vast areas of land, require hundreds of people to manage and operate them, and produce enormous quantities of coffee. Because of the flat landscapes, many farms opt for mechanical harvesting and processing equipment to maximize productivity.

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