

ETHIOPIA



Region

Sidamo Bensa

Producer

Smallholder farmers

Altitude

1,800 - 2,00 masl.

Variety

Heirloom Cultivars

Harvest Period

Nov - Dec

Processing

Natural

ETHIOPIA NATURAL ARABICA SIDAMO GRADE 1 BENSA, SEGARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

citric • elegant • silky • darjeeling • rum-raisin • apricot

Ethiopia is considered as the cradle of coffee and famous for the fact that it was in the forest in the Kaffa region where *Coffea Arabica* grew wild. Nowadays, the country shows a typical "smallholder" structure. This means that a high number of farmers with a usually small production yield carry together their cherries and bring them to central washing stations rather than processing their coffee with own machinery. At the washing stations the beans are carefully sorted before being processed. Coffees from the Sidamo region have a very special character and unique cup profile that justify considering them as some of the best coffees in the world.

In February 2018 and 2019, we visited the Sidamo coffee producing region together with our Ethiopian Partners, Moplaco. During this trip, besides visiting producers, we were introduced to one of the projects that Moplaco has developed in this region in collaboration with the local community: The Segara Elementary School.

At List + Beisler, we believe in fostering sustainable communities within the coffee industry. On this occasion, we decided to collaborate with Moplaco and the Community of Segara to help renovate further classrooms, improve the floors and walls as well as provide them with furniture, with the aim of creating a safer and healthier environment for the children; a space where they can learn and work in better conditions. A share of the profit of this coffee goes directly to the Segara Elementary School to help renovate it.

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