

**Region**Sidamo Chire

**Producer** Smallholder farmers

**Altitude** 1,900 - 2,100 masl.

Variety
Ethiopia Heirloom & Typica

Harvest Period
Oct - Jan

**Processing** Natural

## ETHIOPIA NATURAL ARABICA SIDAMO GRADE 1 CHIRE FARMER'S COFFEE PROJECT

citric · smooth · dark chocolate · raisin · berries

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 their 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.

Throughout the years, we have visited the Sidamo coffee-producing region together with our Ethiopian Partner, Moplaco. The company was founded by Yanni Georgalis in 1972 and is now under the management of Yanni's daughter Heleanna. Moplaco has launched several projects in the region, including the Farmer's Coffee Project, which provides technical support to farmers to increase quality.

This natural coffee was produced by Tefasu Yau, Germahu Gumisa, Meaz Wegayhu, Samuale Degfa, and Roda Yosefi, smallholder farmers that are part of this project. After harvesting their coffee in the Chire district, right in the village Kumiburita, it is later processed at the Bensa Chire Pulping and Processing station. Together they crafted a cup that is simply delightful, ideal for those who enjoy Sidamo's fruity and aromatic profile.





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