

**Region**

Yirgacheffe

Producer

Konga Washing Station

Altitude

1,900 - 2,100

Variety

Heirloom cultivars

Harvest Period

Oct - Jan

Processing

Natural

ETHIOPIA NATURAL ARABICA

YIRGACHEFFE KONGA GRADE 1

citric • smooth • apricot • darjeeling

Ethiopia is considered the cradle of coffee and famous for the fact that it was in the forest in the Kaffa region where *Coffea Arabica* grew wild. Ethiopia's coffee region Yirgacheffe is one of the most renowned regions for specialty coffee in general. The high altitudes and the long-lasting history of coffee cultivation in that area make Yirgacheffe a unique production region with a distinct cup profile. Coffees from here are known for their floral notes and citric acidity. 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.

This coffee comes from the washing station Konga in the Yirgacheffe Highlands, which produces approx. 20% natural and 80% washed coffees. The station serves around 650 smallholder farmers from the surrounding area, who on average grow their coffee on 2-hectare farms. During the harvest season, they bring their crop to the Konga washing station where the cherries are sorted and naturally processed. After picking only the ripest cherries, they are dried for approx. 15-20 days in the sun on so-called „African drying beds“. During the daytime, the cherries are constantly turned to ensure an even drying process. Throughout the drying process, the fruit sugars of the pulp are partly soaked up by the bean, resulting in the typical fruity and sweet flavor of this coffee. Once the coffee cherries have reached a humidity content of approx. 13% of the husk is removed and the coffee is prepared for shipping.

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