

KENYA



Region

Kirinyaga

Producer

Rianjue Coffee Factory

Altitude

1,600 - 1,800 masl

Variety

SL28 & SL34

Harvest Period

Nov-Dec(main) & Apr-May(fly)

Processing

Washed

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Kenya is renowned for cultivating some of the most intense coffees globally. Some people believe this is drawn from the red volcanic soils surrounding Mount Kenya. But variety, micro-climate, altitude, and the adequate balance of rain and sunshine play an essential role in the definition of this high-quality coffee. The total area under coffee cultivation in the country is estimated at 160,000 hectares, with Central Kenya being a top producer.

The cool highlands of Kirinyaga County are found in Central Kenya and are home to the Rianjue Coffee Factory. The factory operates under the Mirichi Farmers' Cooperative Society Ltd., officially established in 1997. It also obtained Fairtrade certification in 2018 and now has approximately 2,400 certified members, who on average cultivate their coffee on 0.3 hectares of land. The cooperative has also established nurseries within the factory premises to cultivate high-yielding coffee seedlings. This initiative supports the rejuvenation of aging coffee trees.

With two wet mills, Rianjue and Mburi, Rianjue farmers deliver high-quality, fully washed coffees. Ripe coffee cherries are selectively hand-picked and then delivered to the wet mill on the same day of harvest. After depulping, the beans are fermented, washed with clean river water, sorted, and sun-dried on raised African beds.

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