

PERU



Region

Cajamarca

Producer

Sol y Café

Altitude

1,200 - 1,800 masl

Variety

Catimor, Typica, Caturra, Pache

Harvest Period

Apr - Nov

Processing

Washed

PERU WASHED ARABICA GRADE 1 FAIRTRADE (FLO) + ORGANIC

citric • smooth • chocolate • molasses

Peru is generally known for its dazzling views onto Machu Picchu embedded between high slopes of vividly green mountains. Imagine this setting and go about 2,000 km northwest on the map – all the way up to the state of Cajamarca, bordering southern Ecuador. Here, the area benefits from steady warm temperatures during the day but experiences drastic drops in temperatures in the absence of clouds at night. On the one hand this interplay of temperatures leads to slower growth of the beans. On the other hand, slower growth results in harder and more aromatic beans. Hence, a microclimate for exceptional coffee prevails.

In the very heart of Cajamarca, also Peru's biggest coffee production area, you can find the regional cooperative Sol & Café. Founded in 2003, its recent history entails an impressive track record of high quality coffees. More than 1,000 farmers from the provinces of Jaén and San Ignacio are members of the cooperative. Together, they set their goal on the cultivation of high quality Arabicas without compromising on sustainable, environmental and social aspects. Being organic and Fairtrade certified, the cooperative established health insurance, state-of-the-art agricultural technology, and an education system in the community.

On top of that, the members of Sol & Café have extended their competencies towards an own topsoil production, an organic vegetable garden, beekeeping and even a small fish farm to diversify their income. All in all, this cooperative not only grows award-winning coffees, but also has a responsible focus on the well-being of its members and the environment.

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