



LIST + BEISLER

HONDURAS

SHG EP
MARCALA
COMSA

FAIRTRADE ORGANIC
CARMELO PURO

Premium
Coffee
Culture

since 1901



Honduras

Region

La Paz District, Marcala

Producer

Café Orgánico Marcala S.A. (COMSA)

Altitude

1,200 – 1,700 masl.

Variety

Catuái, Bourbon, Typica, Caturra

Harvest Period

Dec – Mar

Classification

SHG EP,

Fairtrade & Organic Certified

Processing

Washed

HONDURAS WASHED SHG EP MARCALA COMSA FAIRTRADE ORGANIC CARMELO PURO

Café Orgánico Marcala (COMSA) is located in Marcala, La Paz, in Western Honduras. This region is one of the poorest in the country. People are highly dependent on agriculture and coffee cultivation. COMSA was founded in 2000 by 45 community-minded farmers. At the time, farmers were suffering rock bottom coffee prices which made it unprofitable to harvest coffee. Most farmers in the area were forced to abandon their farms. Many of them migrated to cities or the USA in search of work.

Since then, COMSA's farmers have joined forces in order to access specialty markets and rebuild their livelihoods. They quickly learnt that organic farming is more than a conversion process. So, they began developing an organic and sustainable culture, which balances the needs of business, society and the environment. Membership has been steadily growing. About one quarter of members are women. Many of the farmers also grow fruit and vegetables, and keep cattle, pigs, poultry, and fish.

COMSA's organic production policy improves coffee quality by reviving depleted soil fertility and ending use of the harmful chemicals. COMSA pays good prices for the members' coffee. This has benefited the broader community because other traders were forced to offer higher prices to local farmers as well. The cooperative carries out all the processing: from pulping the ripe fruit, to converting it to green coffee, and storing it for export.

Pleasant Nuts • Dark Chocolate
Orange Juicy Acidity