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La Fragua, Natural

Micro-lot Single Estate Coffee



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About the Natural Process

The process starts with the hand picking of the cherries in the best ripening point through color.

Then these cherries go to a floating stage where only the heaviest cherries continue the natural process. In this step Impurities are removed.

These Heavy cherries are then taken to the drying stations.

The drying stations are raised wooden drawers with mesh at the bottom, covered with plastic roof, where they only put one layer of cherries to dry. In this step a slow fermentation occurs. The time of drying depends on the weather.

For this especial micro-lot she used a small lot inside her farm named *La Virginia*, where Castillo and Colombia varieties are planted.



About La Fragua

La Fragua single estate is located under the shadow of a mountain called Media Luna which literally translates to “Half moon”, because of its concave shape. It’s located in Batavia village which is part of Nilo municipality in Cundinamarca department. The estate has 75 Hectares total and it was founded in 1876 by Juanita Sinisterra’s ancestors.

Juanita is an entrepreneur woman who has maintain and managed the farm since the end of the last century. She became a widowed very young and since then she has been working in the farm and this way she has been able to support her two daughters and given them very good education.

This farm is important in the creation of jobs for the community in the village. Within the 75 hectares of the farm, Sinisterra family allowed and supported the foundation and construction of a primary school for the children of the village (from 1st to 5th grade). This school has been functioning since the middle of the last century. Juanita does not only contributes with the land but she was also the founder of the library of the school. She named the library in honor to her late husband Alejandro Cuellar.

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About the region

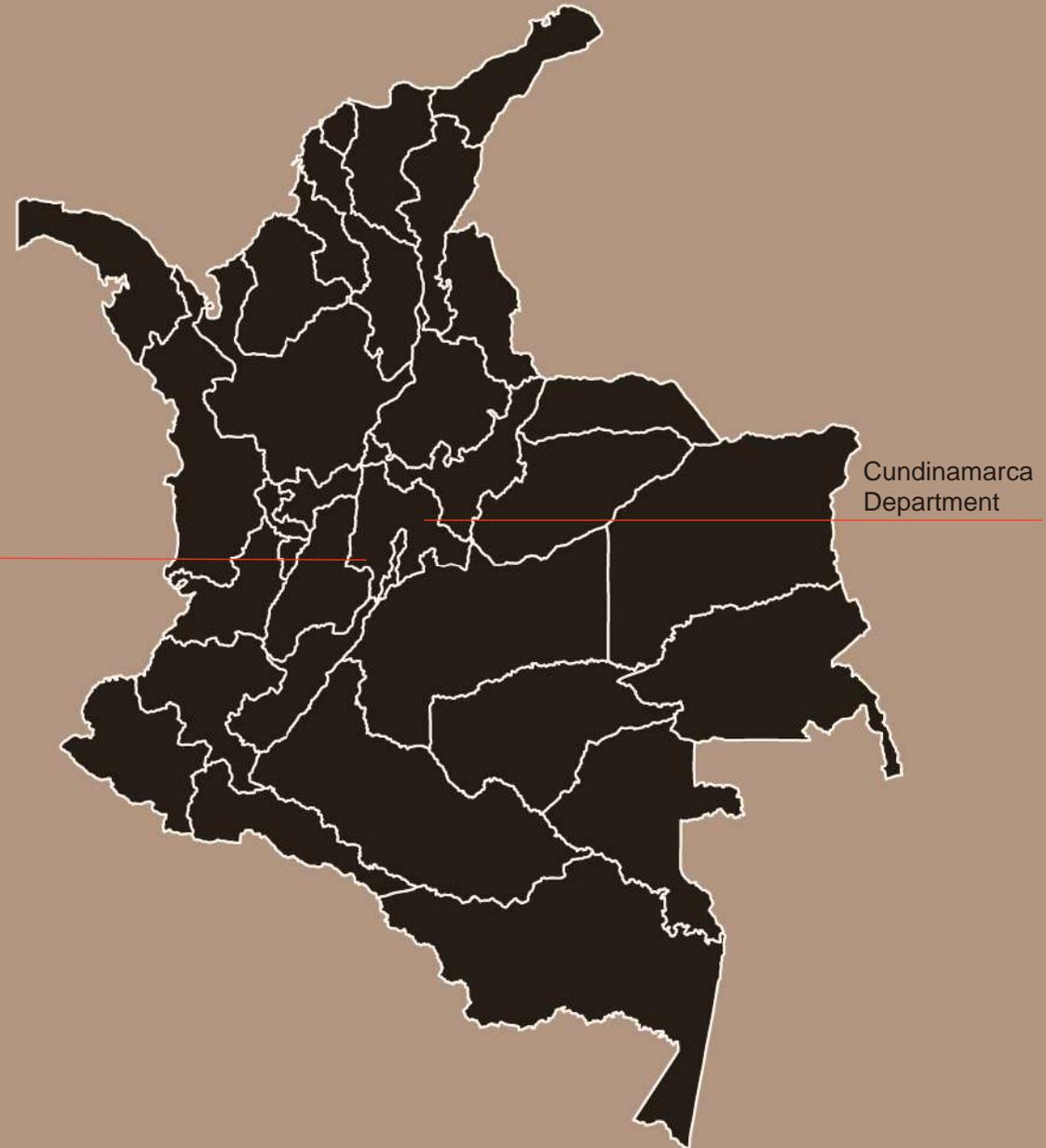
The name of the department: Cundinamarca comes from the terms kuntur, kundur, cundur or condor of Quechua language, all of which refer to the Andean Condor. The suffix “marca” means region in the same Quechua language.

The department is located in the eastern Andean mountain range that penetrates by the south forming the complex of Sumapaz and Cruz de Verde Paramos; it presents high plateaus, valleys and planes that correspond to Magdalena Valley and to some part of Llanos Orientales.



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Agro-ecological data

Altitude:

1650 - 1800 masl

Temperature:

23 °C

Annual rainfall:

1400-1800 mm

Single Estate Lot:

La Virginia

Botanic cultivars:

Castillo, Colombia

Soil characteristics:

Clay loam

Wet milling process:

Natural

Drying:

Raised beds



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Coffee availability

Main crop

April

Main crop

May

Main crop

June

Main crop

July

Fly crop

November

Fly crop

December

Fly crop

January

Fly crop

Cup profile

Sweet strawberries and cherries with dark chocolate nuances.
Medium to low acidity and creamy, chocolaty body.



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La Fragua: Oasis of bird species

La Fragua single estate is an oasis in the conservation of different bird species both tropical of the region and migratory species, which seek rest and food for their long journeys from the northern hemisphere.

Thanks to the conservation of the flora and fauna of the region in the farm, birds find great refuge there.

During 2017 Juanita hosted in La Fragua some doctoral students from Saskatchewan University of Canada who were investigation: “Conservation of Nearctic Neotropical migrants: the coffee connection revisited” (The published paper can be found in: <https://www.ace-eco.org/vol13/iss1/art19/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqx85gL2Dek>)

The installation of *Motus* tower in the farm was key to the research. This tower allows the international tracking of movements and behaviors of small flying organisms through radio signals.

Thanks to this collaboration Juanita and La Fragua single estate received several certificates and thank you letters from the Bird Studies Canada Organizations y Canadian Wildlife Service.

