



Costa Rica AROMAS DEL VALLE

CUP PROFILE

Red apple, dark chocolate, nougat and raisin flavors, with a mild acidity and creamy-sweet milk-chocolate body.

ABOUT THIS COFFEE

Aromas del Valle, or *Scents of the Valley*, refers to the Dota Valley, in the heart of Tarrazú—the fifth canton in the province of San José.

Farmers in Santa María de Dota enjoy the most abundant harvests in the country, averaging 3,800 pounds per hectare. Farms are prolific but small, with average farm sizes around 3.5 hectares (8.6 acres).

During the harvest season, from November through March, the regions' small farms bustle with activity as over 780,000 bushels of rich, ripe berries are hand harvested and brought to local receiving stations.

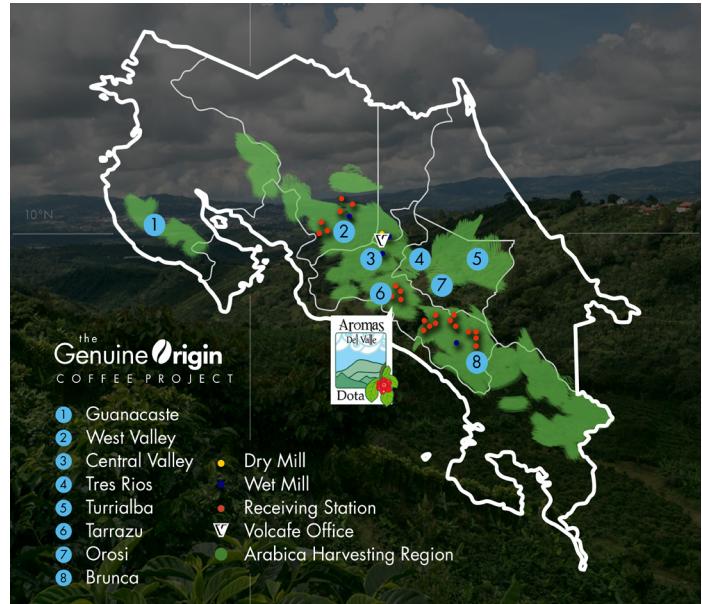
Beneficio San Diego is the most modern and one of the largest mills in Costa Rica. It was established in 1888 and now specializes in the Tarrazú and Tres Ríos areas. It takes pride in striving for ever-increasing efficiency and quality standards, while working closely with producers to ensure good community relations and sustainable production for years to come.

ABOUT THE REGION

Costa Rica has Nicaragua to its north and Panama to the south. The San José Province is close to the Pacific side of the country and is home to the 12,000-acre Quetzales National Park, which is known for its "cloud forests."

Santa María de Dota is a typical Costa Rican town, spread around a church, a plaza and a school. The majority of the community is involved coffee production, and it's well known for its great quality of life and the harmonious relationship between the community and nature. Dota has beautiful flora and fauna and the best water springs in the country.

Most of the region's farms are shaded by native trees including Poro and Guava, which also provide shelter to the incredible birds and wildlife that thrive in the area.



Region:
Santa María de Dota

Altitude:
1,500–1,900 meters ASL

Producers:
12 producers from the community of Santa María de Dota

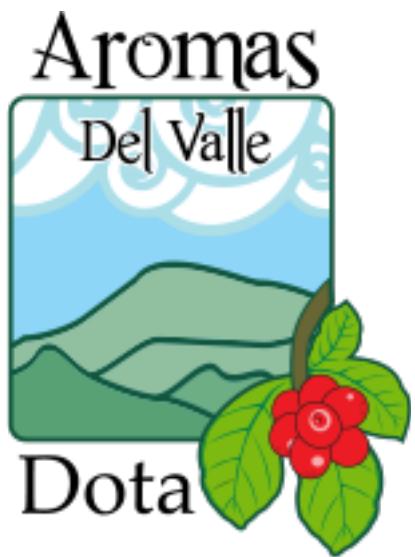
Varieties:
Red and yellow Catuai and Caturra

Community/mill:
Beneficio San Diego

Processing:
Washed

Average farm size:
3.5 hectares (8.6 acres)

Harvest:
November 2016–March 2017



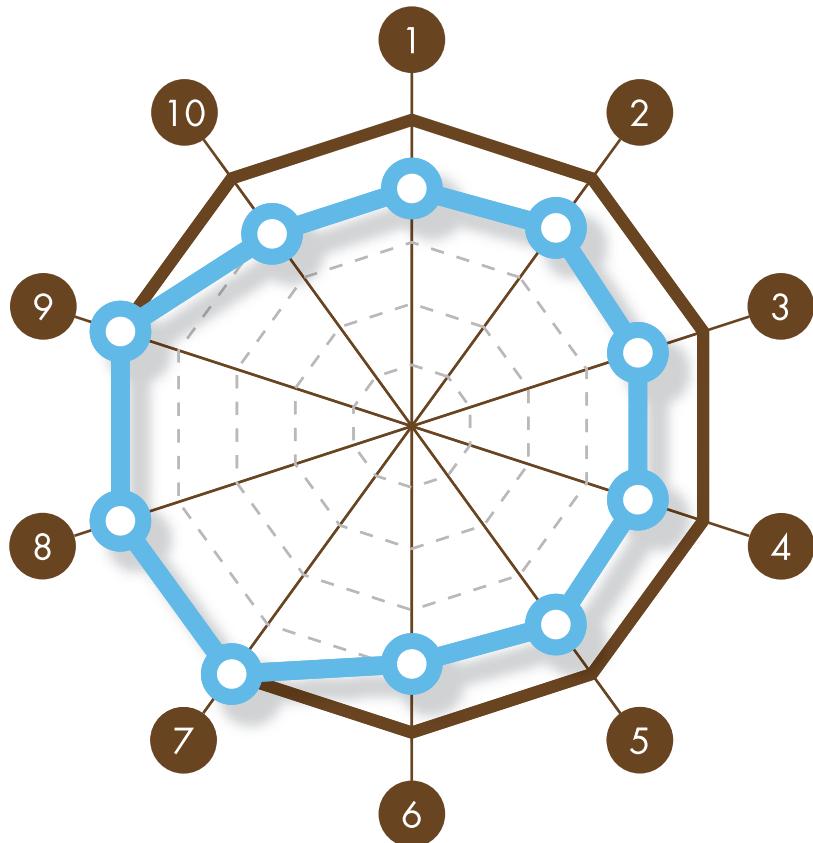
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FROM OUR TEAM IN COSTA RICA

"Volcafe Way has helped producers in the region identify their cost structures, so that they can better understand where they should aim their efforts and what the most efficient use of their resources is."

FLAVOR	Red apple, dark chocolate, nougat
BODY	Creamy, sweet
AROMA	Red fruit, brown sugar
ACIDITY	Mild



Moisture: 12.3% on offer sample