

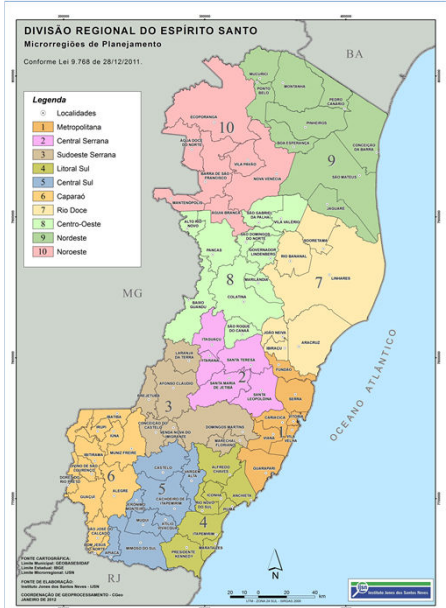


Immigrant's Blend – Mountains of Espírito Santo

Single Region Project

THE REGION

Region's name	Venda Nova do Imigrante, "Serrana's Region"
Geographic Location	Southwest Serrana and Center South part of Espírito Santo State
Municipalities	Brejetuba, Afonso Cláudio, Domingos Martins, Vargem Alta, Venda Nova do Imigrante, Muniz Freire, Conceição – 3 and 5 on map
Altitude	800 to 1200m above sea level
Coffee Area	55.000 ha
Annual average temperature	21° C
Annual average rainfall	1.400 mm
Blossom	October – December
Harvesting Period	May to September
Processing Method	Semi-Washed
Drying Method	Pre drying on patios, greenhouses, mechanical driers
Resting Period	30-40 days
Annual Production	1.1 mio of which 250k is semi washed



Description:

Coffee reached the region thru its borders with the Rio de Janeiro state as an alternative to large sugar cane plantations that were abandoned after the end of slavery. After the Portuguese colonies left the region along with the sugar plantations, the central government divided the region into small sized plots that were sold to first families of Italian immigrants that reached the region in 1892.

The region is blessed with natural beauties, mild climate and a well preserved wildlife. In this mountainous region the coffee plantations grow on slops that form distinctive micro climates resulting in unique sensorial profiles. The production in its steep slopes are very hard and demands intensive man power, most of the handlings are manual and performed by family members including the harvesting process. Weather pattern is tropical of altitude with a mild climate and temperatures through the year with two well defined seasons; wet summer and dry winter but with occasional rains and foggy days, what led farmers to adopt new drying systems like greenhouses to better control the post harvest process and thus achieve a better quality.

The average size farm is small - 7ha - and due to very uneven terrain everything is depended on human labor what raises production costs. The regional economy rely on coffee industry but there is a new industry flourishing; the tourism; outdoor sports, cultural and eco-tourism due to its natural beauties; waterfalls, mountains and steep slopes, large valleys , immigrants heritages , local culinary...

THE COFFEE

Quality	Brazil, Arabica, Semi Washed, NY2/3 Screen 15UP, SSFC, Immigrant's Blend
Physical Aspect	Solid bluish/greenish
Main Varieties	Catuai/Catucai
Tasting Notes	Delicate aroma with vanilla notes, complex flavor with candied fruit and molasses notes, high sweetness, mid body and pleasant end.