

VALLE DEL CAUCA SUGARCANE DECAF

COLOMBIA GREEN COFFEE | GENUINE ORIGIN



Coffee Details

ORIGIN

Valle del Cauca,
Colombia

PRODUCER

Various smallholders

PROCESSING

Washed & Ethyl Acetate
(EA) decaffeination

HARVEST SCHEDULE

September - December

VARIETY

Caturra, Castillo

ALTITUDE (MASL)

1750

Coffee Background

The Valle del Cauca is a critical swath of land where natural resources, water management, and friendly environmental practices are keenly preserved by those who live and farm there. As one of Colombia's two main biological conservation corridors, Cauca Valley is home to World Heritage-listed national parks, wildlife, and water sources that give life to the surrounding land.

The region lies between the National Park of Tatama and "Serrania de los Paraguas", a recognized Coffee Cultural Landscape and UNESCO World Heritage Site where producers and organizations are committed to agroecology farming and community-based ecotourism. The altitude spans 1,700 to 2,100masl, and the surrounding mountains enclose the valley in a stable microclimate all year round.

Sugarcane is readily available in Colombia, and its application to the coffee industry was a game-changer. Ethyl acetate is an organic compound found in sugarcane, and the decaffeination process begins with the fermentation of molasses derived from sugarcane to create ethanol. This alcohol is then mixed with acetic acid to create the compound ethyl acetate.

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