

UTENGULE ESTATE NATURAL

TANZANIAN GREEN COFFEE | GENUINE ORIGIN



Coffee Details

ORIGIN

Mbeya, Tanzania

PRODUCER

Utengule Estate

PROCESSING

Natural

HARVEST SCHEDULE

July - September

VARIETY

Bourbon varieties

ALTITUDE (MASL)

1400

Coffee Background

Nestled on the edge of the East African Rift Valley at the foot of the Mbeya Range, Utengule Estate is one of Tanzania's most storied coffee farms. Coffee cultivation began here in 1919, and by 1934 the Swiss Weiss family had formally established the estate as a registered coffee company. In 1986, the Fässler family took ownership and has since modernized and expanded the operation.

Today, the estate covers roughly 300 hectares, with coffee grown across 130 hectares divided into four farm sections. At 1,400 meters above sea level, the farm benefits from warm summers, cool winters, and seasonal rains from November through April - conditions that are ideal for Arabica production. The farm's volcanic soils are rich in minerals and organic matter, contributing to the estate's hallmark flavor profile: smooth, full-bodied, and balanced, anchored by Bourbon varieties.

For its Natural lot, Utengule Estate relies on traditional sun-drying methods that highlight fruit-forward character and depth. Ripe cherries are hand-picked at peak maturity before being placed on raised beds to dry whole, without pulping. Workers turn the cherries regularly to ensure even drying and prevent defects. After several weeks, once the cherries reach ideal moisture content, they are hulled to remove the dried fruit layers.

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