

Inzá



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Inzá, Cauca, Colombia

Dried Fig // Cider // Dense

It's no secret that we love Colombian coffee, and the first months of the year are chock full of great options. Cauca is a state just to the west that offers gems like this coffee, with a combination of depth and elegance. A dash of the Typica varietal, uncommon in Colombia overall, gives the cup extra complexity on a base of the Caturra cultivar.

Producer: ASORCAFE Cooperative
Altitude: 1750-2000 m
Process: Washed
Cultivar: Caturra, Castillo, Typica

Many are familiar with FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), a guerilla movement that controlled vast areas of the country for the last six decades. Not many are familiar with its impact on coffee. During the same time, the Colombian National Coffee Federation (FNC) gave strong incentives to farmers to replace traditional varieties like Typica with the higher-yielding Caturra and Castillo. However, FARC strongholds were too dangerous for FNC agronomists to work in – including parts of Cauca. As a consequence, these areas maintained some traditional varieties. Now that violence has subsided, farms there are connecting with the specialty coffee market.



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