

DARK WOODS PRODUCER SERIES

COLOMBIA EL ATA TOLIMA

Planadas,
Tolima

PRODUCER:
El Ata producers

FARM:
Various

ALTITUDE:
1650-1900m

VARIETY:
Colombia, Caturra, Castillo
& Bourbon Arabica

PROCESS:
Fully Washed

ROAST LEVEL:
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BEST SUITED TO:
Espresso & Soft Brew

FLAVOUR:
Gently tropical, with red fruit
notes and a distinct milk
chocolate and smooth
nuttness in the cup.

SEASON: 2021



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COFFEE

El Ata, from a small group of producers in the mountainous Tolima region of Colombia, is one of Dark Woods core coffees that we use as the centre piece for “Driftwood” and many of our espresso blends. Fully washed, it’s a beautiful, balanced cup of coffee and is very much our house Colombian brew.

El Ata Community

“Beneath the shadows of the beautiful Nevado del Huila and surrounded by the Ata River, lies the town of Planadas. This active volcano, combined with the rivera of the Ata River, has given the region fertile volcanic soils and a range microclimate that matched with farmer’s dedication and hard work has resulted in a unique cup profile. This region in Colombia had serious security issues in the past due to the guerrilla presence. For over five decades, Planadas did not have the social or economic development that much of the rest of Colombia experienced, and for this reason the area feels a little lost in time. But, thankfully, peace has returned to the region.

For the inhabitants of Planadas, their Ata River has been inspiration to create songs, has been the setting to many love stories and many adventures, and has been part of lives of dozens of coffee growers in the region where they go on holiday to take a rest.”

In 2019 the brand El Ata was developed in partnership with Caravela and the producers supplying this coffee, and was born from our year on year purchase of El Jordan coffee from the Tolima region – El Ata is produced exclusively for Dark Woods and we sign forward contracts to guarantee both volumes and prices for this small group of farmers (there are around 15-20 in total). We receive fresh shipments quarterly, and are committed to grow the volumes year on year and improve the quality premium paid to these producers.

