

**DARK WOODS
RESERVE SERIES
MARCH 2024**



**BRAZIL
IPANEMA PREMIER CRU
DIAMOND EDITION G54**

Serra de Mantiqueira,
Sul de Minas

PRODUCER:
Ipanema Coffees

FARM:
Fazenda Rio Verde

ALTITUDE:
1185-1276m

VARIETY:
100% Red Geisha Arabica

PROCESS:
Pulped Natural (Sun-dried)

ROAST LEVEL:
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BEST SUITED TO:
Soft Brew

FLAVOUR:
Beautifully sweet and floral.
Lemon Grass, bergamot,
citrusy.

**SEASON: 2023/2024
"COLLINA D'ORO"**



The Premier Cru collection represents the finest coffees from Ipanema Coffees Rio Verde farm. This nano-lot, named "Lemon Grass", is from their Collina D'Oro harvest and is beautifully sweet and floral. This is the first season of Ipanema's Diamond Edition, Red Geisha coffees. This is a pulped natural, slow-dried, from glebe G54 on the farm.

Ipanema Coffees

Ipanema Coffee is a very well established, large coffee producer in the Mantiqueira Mountains of Sul de Minas, with a series of plateaus, fertile soil and consistent rainfall.

Their team worked for a number of years to test the potential for very innovative, high scoring specialty coffee from Ipanema's Rio Verde farm. It involved agronomy, science, dividing the land into small "glebes" so that each micro-lot would be fully traceable, planted with Brazil's best performing Arabica varieties (Yellow Bourbon, Yellow Catuai and Red Acaia) and pushing the boundaries of processing techniques to improve complexity and flavour.

This concept became known as Ipanema "Premier Cru", with each annual harvest carrying a unique, evocative name – the 2023-2024 season is "Collina D'Oro". Micro-lots are identified by their glebe (in this case **G54**), Arabica type, process style and the most defining flavour characteristic – this lot has evocative, Lemon Grass-like flavours. Premier Cru coffees were launched in 2018, and we buy micro-lots each season.

Classic varietal lots are designated as either "Black", "Gold" or "Blue" (Blue being the best of the best in this category) based on their individual score, rarity and complexity. We will usually have a couple of blue lots each season and often find ourselves drawn to those with winery characteristics.

The 2023-2024 season has seen the introduction of Geisha arabica and these lots are referred to as "Diamond Edition".



