




KALDI'S RELATIONSHIP COFFEE

RWANDA SHOLI

VARIETY Bourbon
ALTITUDE 1,800-2,000 m
PROCESSING Washed
REGION Muhanga District, Southern Province
DESCRIPTION plum, maple-pecan, and sweet spices

WHY WE LOVE IT

 An exemplary coffee and a budding relationship, we love this coffee's equally deep fruity and sweet characteristics.

The Abateraninkunga ba Sholi cooperative (meaning 'mutual assistance') was originally established in 2008 by 30 women and received official recognition in 2013. In 2014 they received funding to build their own washing station, and in 2015 received their Fair Trade certification. Today the cooperative is made up of 400 farms, 3 washing stations, and 451 members, 196 of which are women.

In 2016 the cooperative received a grant to build a community center and a health center to serve its members and other local residents. The nearest hospital is over 45 minutes away on poor roads, so services for things such as malaria, parasites, pregnancy check-ups, and basic first aid that the health center can provide are invaluable. The community center also provides education on nutrition, cooking, and gardening in order to combat childhood malnutrition.

In November 2019, members of our team traveled to Sholi with our partners at Atlas Coffee Importers. They cupped their coffees and toured one of the processing stations, a farm, warehouse, and the health and community centers and formed lasting relationships along the way.

We're excited and proud to offer this exceptional coffee that has done so much for the community from where it hails. As a budding relationship coffee (with much, much more planned for the future - stay tuned!), we are taken with its bright fruit characteristics mixed in with the classic base of spices and deep sweetness that the region is known for. Innovative thinking, attention to detail, and great growing conditions point to a very bright future, indeed.

