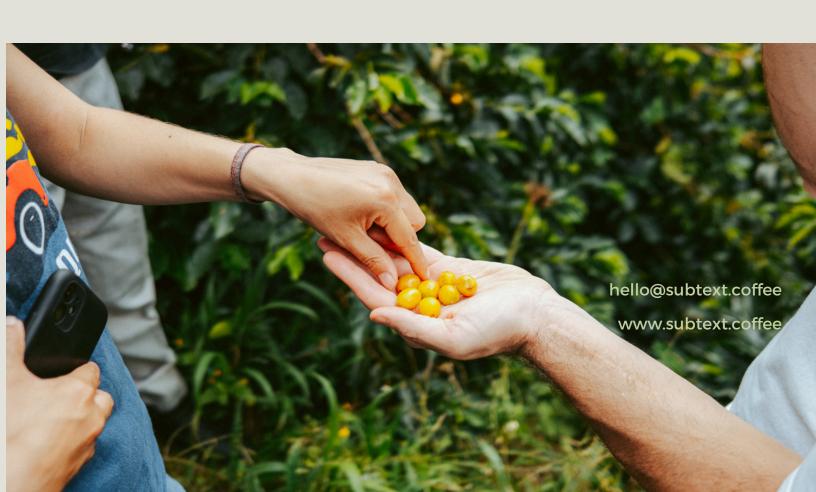


# TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2022





Lubier's Beltran's farm in Palestina, Huila, Colombia

## **ABOUT TRANSPARENCY**

Put simply, this report is a list of all the coffees we purchased and released this year along with some key financial and relationship data that puts our work into a broader perspective. The specialty coffee industry, us included, makes a big deal out of transparency while tending to shroud much of its activity in mystery. By sharing this information with our customers, followers and wholesale partners we endeavour to step towards holding ourselves and our industry accountable to more equitable trading, meaningful engagement, and articulated values.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Producer names
- Lot sizes
- Varieties
- Processing
- Cupping scores
- Pricing information
- Importer names
- Relationship information



# WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

While we believe it is important be open about the information that follows, it only tells part of the story. Even when we know a producer has been paid above c-market prices there are important questions that can't be answered in a simple table, infographic or chart, for example:

- What about the producer's cost of production?
- How do we know when a producer has truly been paid enough?
- Effects of increasing freight costs imposed on importers?
- Profit/resource distribution across the supply chain.

We are committed to exploring these and other data sets for future reports.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Below you can find the definitions of terms used in our transparency report.



Smelling parchment on Ricuarte Quiacha farm in Garzon, Huila, Colombia

PRODUCER/PRODUCER
ORGANIZATION: The name of the producer, co-op, washing station or factory who produced the coffee.

**LOT SIZE:** The total amount of the particular coffee that was produced.

**VOLUME PURCHASED:** How much of the coffee Subtext purchased in kg.

subtext cupping score: The score our team assigned the lot when we originally cupped it. Most often these are pre-ship samples, but occasionally we don't taste a coffee until it has landed in North America.

the buyer (importer/exporter) to the producer. This is often expressed in USD per lb. Sometimes this is expressed in local currency and volumes.

**CARGA:** In Colombia coffee is often purchased in parchment per carga (125kg).

**QUINTALE:** In Guatemala coffee is often purchased in parchment per quintale (100 lbs).





Coffee drying on Ernedis Rodriguez's farm in Gigante, Huila, Colombia

FOB PRICE: Freight on board, usually the price paid to the coffee exporter for coffee ready to ship. This includes the price paid to the producer as well as milling, warehousing and transportation costs plus any intermediaries' fees and export costs.

**OUR PRICE:** The price we paid per lb in USD.

IMPORTER: Our importing partner. This is who we work with to source so many different coffees from so many different origins. Their role is often overlooked or sometimes even obscured by roasters who valorize direct trade. At Subtext, we work with a handful of specialty importers who share our values. We believe they play an important role in the supply chain, and we couldn't do what we do without them.

#### **RELATIONSHIP LENGTH (IMPORTER):**

How many years our importing partner has worked with the producer.

#### **RELATIONSHIP LENGTH (SUBTEXT):**

How many years Subtext has been purchasing coffee from the producer at the time of contracting. We are happy to report that we've contracted coffee from many of the same producers for next year.







Fredy Rodriguez, winner of the Copa Occidente competition, with his son at their farm in La Plata, Huila

# IMPORTANT CONTEXT

Coffee has been primarily traded based on market prices, which are extremely volatile, coffee being agriculture and coffee pricing being largely supply driven. Specialty coffee prices are predicated on quality assessments, rarity, and, hopefully, meaningful relationships.

# Subtext purchases specialty coffee outside of both the commodity and fairtrade markets.

Subtext purchases specialty coffee outside of both the commodity and fairtrade markets. In most cases, prices are negotiated by the buyer (exporter/importer/washing stations etc) and the producer. We or our importing partners set and negotiate prices based on quality standards, and relationship length. It is very rare for a producer to set their own prices.

\$2.16\*

2022 Average C-Market price in USD per lb FOB.

\*it's notable that this price is irregulary high and has already dropped. For context, the commodity price last year was \$1.60, and 2 years ago merely \$0.90

\$5.75

Average FOB price of coffee Subtext purchased in USD per lb.

Fair Trade minimum price for washed Arabica coffee is set at \$1.40 USD per Ib FOB. When C-Market prices are higher than fair-trade as they have been for most of this year producers are to be paid market prices or the price negotiated when contract was signed. Fair Trade prices for Arabica coffee have not been updated since 2011.





## **TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2022**

Producer/Producer Organization		Region	Subtext Cup Score	Variety	Process	Bag Size (kg)		Volume Purchased (kg)	Farm Gate (USD/lb)	FOB USD/Ib Our I		Importer	Relationship Length (Importer)	Relationship Length (Subtext)
Delio Sering Albeiro de Jesus	Brazil	Espirito Santo	85.64 87.83	Catuai	Washed Washed	60 35	1200			\$2.74 \$7.22	\$3.90	Osito The Coffee Quest	1	1
Albeiro de Jesus Doña Carmen Montoya	Colombia	Antioquia	87.83 87.33	Chiroso	Washed	35	245 175			\$7.22 \$5.47	\$8.35 \$6.60		1	·
Francy Castillo	Colombia	Antioquia Nariño	87.33	Chiroso	Washed	24	288		4.7mill COP per carga		\$15.26	The Coffee Quest Apex	1	
Amparo Botina	Colombia	Nariño	87.5	Caturra/Castillo	Washed	24	360		4./mill COP per carga 2.5mill COP per carga	\$12.19 \$4.96	\$15.26 \$5.99	Apex	6	
Amparo Botina Huber Castillo	Colombia	Nariño	86.75	Mixed	Anaerobic	24	144		2.5mill COP per carga 2.4mill COP per carga		\$5.99	Apex	1	
Frank Torres	Colombia	Nariño	86.5	Red Bourbon	Natural	24	1225		3.2mill COP per carga		\$9.26	Apex	3	
Edilma Lopez	Colombia	Narino	86.67		Washed	70	1240		2.47mil COP per carga		\$4.80	Shared Source	3	
ASO-Tarqui	Colombia	Huila	85.81	Mixed	Washed	70	3163		2.25mil COP per carga		\$4.25	Shared Source	6	
Fabian Urbano	Colombia	Narino	86.63	Caturra	Honey	70	2091		2.40mil COP per carga		\$4.75	Shared Source	3	
Quitupamba	Colombia	Narino	85.56	Mixed	Washed	70	2700		1.60mil COP per carga		\$4.75	Apex	1	
Rolando Piso	Colombia	Huila	86.06	Caturra	Washed	20	120	20	\$4.78		\$10.05	Osito	4	1
Luis Gildardo Lopez	Colombia	Huila	87	Pink Bourbon	Washed	20	60		\$5.26		\$10.60	Osito	2	1
Fredy Rodriguez	Colombia	Huila	88	Castillo/Colombia	Washed	20	80	20	\$7.19	\$9.89	\$11.15	Osito	4	1
Elias Roa Parra	Colombia	Huila	85.5	Mixed	Washed	70	3500	280	1.9mil COP per carga	\$3.89	\$4.90	Osito	4	1
Yilver Pajoy	Colombia	Huila	86	Caturra	Washed	70	450	140	2.8mil COP per carga	\$5.70	\$6.95	Osito	4	1
Maria Delgado	Colombia	Narino	85.75	Caturra	Washed	70	1404	120	2.5mill COP per carga	\$4.97	\$5.60	Apex	3	2
Ancelmo Caldon	Colombia	Huila	86.5	Colombia	Washed	70	2505	280	2.6mil COP per carga	\$4.09	\$4.80	Osito	4	1
Edwin Noreña	Colombia	Quindio	88	Pink Bourbon	Anaerobic	69	69		\$9.50	\$11.00	\$12.68	La Baia	1	1
Edwin Noreña	Colombia	Quindio	86.63	Sidra	Anaerobic	69	69	69	\$8.50	\$9.50	\$11.30	La Baia	1	1
Alejo Castro		West Valley	85.92	H17	Honey	15		90	\$4.66		\$4.76	Direct/Apex	3	-
Alejo Castro		West Valley	86.5	Gesha	Anaerobic	15		60	\$10.10		\$10.40	Direct/Apex	3	-
Miguel Japon	Ecuador	Loja	86.06	Mixed	Washed	50	450		\$3.34			The Coffee Quest	1	1
Grace & Galo	Ecuador	Pichincha	86.67	Caturra	Honey	50	2550		\$4.35			The Coffee Quest	1	1
Lugmapata	Ecuador	Pallatanga	88.42	Sidra	Washed		1500	100	\$5.50		\$6.80	The Coffee Quest	2	
Lugmapata	Ecuador	Pallatanga	87.92	Mejorado	Washed	50	2600		\$5.00		\$6.65		2	
Telila Genji Challa Lot #1	Ethiopia	Jimma	86.58	Landrace	Washed	60	5100			\$3.60	\$4.95	Osito	4	
Mi'eessa Robe (Sookoo)	Ethiopia	Guji	86.23 87.63	74110/74112	Natural	60	1500 2520		56birr/kg cherry	\$4.00 \$3.80	\$5.60 \$5.15	Osito	1	_
Telila Genji Challa Honey	Ethiopia	Jimma		74112	,	60			FO block a base		\$5.15 \$5.60	Osito	4	2 2
Bogalech Dukkallee (Sookoo)  Dave Bensa Elala	Ethiopia Ethiopia	Guji Bensa	86.67 86.25	/4110//4112 Landrace	Natural Washed	60	1500 7200		56 birr/kg cherry	\$4.00 \$3.75		The Coffee Quest	2	
Daye Bensa Hamasho	Ethiopia	Bensa	88.13	Landrace	Washed	60	12000			\$3.95	4	The Coffee Quest	2	_
Daye Bensa Bombe	Ethiopia	Bensa	87.13	Landrace	Washed	60	6000			\$4.06		The Coffee Quest	-	
Gesha Village	Ethiopia	West Omo	88.67	Gesha	Natural	60	900			\$22.00	\$36.73	Forward		1
Mohammad Aba Nura	Ethopia	Jimma	86.67	Landrace	Natural	60	3000			\$4.00	\$4.65	Osito		1
Buku Sayisa	Ethiopia	Guji	87.6	Landrace	Washed		9600		55 birr/kg cherry		\$5.25	ccs	5	1
Tony Medina		Chaletenango	85.67	Caturra/Bourbon	Washed	69	2041		\$2.45		\$4.75	Primavera	5	2
Francisco Jimenez	Guatemala	Huehuetenango	87	Bourbon	Washed	35	315	315	\$3.85	\$4.55	\$6.50	Primavera	4	1
Micaela Jacinto	Guatemala	Huehuetenango	86.25	Caturra	Washed	35	280	140	\$3.85	\$4.55	\$6.50	Primavera	6	1
Rosendo Domingo	Guatemala	Huehuetenango	85.83	Mixed	Washed	69	1156	420	\$2.65	\$3.35	\$5.00	Primavera	8	2
Baltazar Cardona	Guatemala	Huehuetenango	86.17	Bourbon	Washed	69	489	140	\$3.85	\$4.55	\$6.50	Primavera	6	1
Tadeo Lopez	Guatemala	Huehuetenango	86.25	Mixed	Washed	70	9216	420	1900GTQ/quintale		\$5.50	Shared Source	6	1
Marina Perez	Guatemala	Huehuetenango	85.63	Mixed	Washed	70	2558		1780 GTQ/quintale		\$5.45	Shared Source		
		Huehuetenango	86.1	Mixed	Washed		3037		1766GTQ/quintale		\$5.30	Shared Source	5	
		Huehuetenango	86.35	Mixed	Washed	70	4104	- 10	1777GTQ/quintale		\$5.35	Shared Source	5	
Carmelina Matias			85.56	Mixed	Washed	70	3035		1757GTQ/quintale		\$5.20	Shared Source	5	
Miguel Moreno		Santa Barbara	86.33	Pacas	Honey	70	770		\$3.50		\$5.65	ccs	15	
Mas Morenos	Honduras	Santa Barbara	85.25	Mixed	Washed		4209		\$3.25		\$4.90	ccs	15	
Proyecto Cabanas	Honduras	Santa Barbara	84.75	Mixed	Washed	70	21000		\$3.00		\$4.65	ccs	15	
Murue Kiananyangi AA	Kenya	Embu	87.5	Mixed	Washed	30	1500		\$4.04		\$8.56	Apex	3	_
Rungeto Kirimikui AA	Kenya	Kirinyaga	87.75	Mixed	Washed	30	2700		\$4.08	\$6.28	\$8.48	Apex	3	
Rutuma Ruthagati AA	Kenya	Nyeri	87.75	Mixed	Washed		2160		\$3.98		\$8.59	Apex	3	
Baragwi Muchagara AA	Kenya	Kirinyaga	86.17	Mixed	Washed	30 60	900		\$4.04		\$8.48 \$5.95	Apex	3	
Long Miles Njowa Karinga AA Long Miles Njowa Karinga PB	Kenya	Kirinyaga	86.75 86.13	Mixed Mixed	Washed Washed	60	180			\$4.95 \$4.95	\$5.95 \$5.95	Osito	2	_
Luis Ordonez #1	Kenya Mexico	Kirinyaga Chiapas	85.67	Mixed	Washed		8004		100MXN/kg		\$5.95	Osito	4	
Luis Ordonez #1	Mexico	Chiapas	85.75	Mixed	Washed	69	8004		100MXN/kg		\$5.85	Osito	4	
Cimitrio Luna	Mexico	Oaxaca	85.58	Mixed	Washed	69	1311		100MXN/kg		\$5.85	Osito	2	
Mazateca	Mexico	Oaxaca	86.5	Mixed	Washed	70	1311	276	\$3.19		\$6.85	Osito	3	
Sierra Sur	Mexico	Oaxaca	85.2		Washed		5175		90-95 MXN/kg parchment		\$5.60	Osito	1	
Enrique Lopez	Mexico	Oaxaca	87.5	Gesha	Honey	60	60		\$10.75		\$13.00	Osito	3	·
Luis Alberto Balladarez	Nicaragua	Nueva Segovia	86.2	SL34	Natural	70	360		\$10.10	\$5.00		The Coffee Quest	5	
Jhony Saavedra	Peru	Huabo	86.25	Marshell	Washed	70	5844			4.3	\$5.88	Apex	1	_
Anibal Alarcon	Peru	Palestina	86.5	Bourbon	Washed	70	6874			4.3	\$5.88	Apex	1	1

Total lots purchased.



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Lots purchased from Colombia, making it our most sourced from origin country.



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Lots purchased from Huehuetenango, Guatemala making it our most sourced from micro-region.



