

Rwanda Coffee



Abakundakawa - Hingakawa Women's Coffee

Akanke

Hingakawa Women's Co-op FTO

Abakundakawa ("Those Who Love Coffee") Coffee Cooperative, first established in 2004, is located in the northern mountainous region of the district of Akanke. It is perched at an altitude of 1700-1900 meters and is flanked by five distinct growing zones. Though the coffee cooperative was first established and formed in 2004, it is well known for courageously recognizing the first Women's Only Farmer Association of its kind in Rwanda soon after inception. Abakundakawa coffee cooperative is now well represented by two women coffee associations, Hingakawa ("Let's Grow Coffee") and Dakundakawa ("We love Coffee"). The women of Hingakawa are both a witness and victim to some of the darkest periods in Rwanda's history - the 1994 Rwanda Genocide.

Women Coffee farmers were one of the first pillars of society who wholly embraced the trickle-down movement of equality, and the banishment of the archaic patriarchal leadership that women had faced for centuries. They took a cultural risk that is often not given its due credit of the exemplary courage where equality is otherwise still seen as taboo. A courage that is partially and significantly responsible for stitching the hearts and minds of a once torn society; a courage an entire global coffee industry could lay foundations of change upon.

The role of women in coffee can no longer be undermined, unnoticed, or gone un-incentivized. We are proud to introduce you to the brave women of Hingakawa Women's Coffee.



NOTES: Bright acidity, sweet, raisin, dried tropical fruit, clean interesting, really nice



REGION: Gakenke, Rushashi



PROCESS: Washed



VARIETY: Bourbon



ALTITUDE: 1700-1900 masl

