

JESUS SAAVEDRA

TOLIMA, COLOMBIA

ROSE, PINEAPPLE, RED CURRANT

FARM : EL PLACER, SAN ANTONIO

VARIETIES : CATURRA

ELEVATION : 2125 MASL

PROCESSING : WASHED

This is our second year buying coffee from Jesus Antonio Saavedra, and one that we look forward to bringing back all year long. When asked about his secret to producing such high quality coffee, Antonio replies, "I have coffee in my blood."

Truly one of the most remarkable Colombian coffees we've tasted, Antonio's rigorous standards and meticulous attention to detail show. He approaches his farm with care and attention. From the way he renovates his trees regularly to keep the trees young, to the trained pickers who only pick the ripest of cherries, to inspecting every truck that transports his coffee for cleanliness, he truly cares a great deal about his craft. This is maybe most evident in the school that Antonio started on his property.



Antonio's children, and the children of the neighboring farms are all sent to Antonio's school. The kids could attend a government school, but it is further from their homes than Antonio's farm, and it doesn't provide housing during the week. If it wasn't for the school Antonio built on his property for his neighbor's children, it is unlikely they would get a continuous education.