



Rolo Ramirez - San Jose - Ataco - Pacas - Honey (GrainPro)

Rolo Ramirez owns the San José farm in Ataco. It is a 56-hectare farm growing mostly Pacas variety coffee, a variety that is native to El Salvador. For his honey process, Don Rolo depulps the coffee and dries it on raised beds.

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Origin	El Salvador
Region	Ataco, Ahuachapan
Farm	San José
Variety	Pacas
Altitude	1250 masl
Proc. Method	Honey

El Salvador has been traditionally known for bigger estates in Santa Ana.

Chalatenango wasn't really on the map until Cup of Excellence came. The first year of CoE, Santa Ana was in the top places. The second year Chalatenango "was discovered". This area has had good results due to its Pacamara variety and significant climate difference from Santa Ana, much cooler climate.

It is a hard area to access. Coffee is traded in parchment here so this complicates things a bit. We have to buy the coffee in parchment and find a mill to prepare it in green exportable. This brings some risks such as yield risk, each coffee will yield various amounts of green depending on the amount of defects

I've personally been criticized by some Santa Ana producers as to why we are buying coffee in this area. One producer asked me why was I buying coffee there as



he thought coffee from here was "stolen" due to the nature of how it's bought and sold (a lot of times with cash in hand), and another producer questioned me as to why I was buying directly from producers and not through an exporter, the answer is simple, to access the best qualities.

This year we bought some coffees grown at 1900 meters in this area. Could be one of the first El Sals at this altitude

— Piero Cristiani

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