



The Community Coffee program with CoopeTarrazu has made a real impact on the communities which deliver cherry to this mill. This program has allowed us to separate out lots from specific communities which score over 86 points, and pay a quality premium that the individual communities receive and decide as a group how the money will be used to improve their coffee production and their livelihood. We have seen the premiums used to build roads, build large water tanks to store fresh water for the community, building roofs for the children's schools, and many other projects that have had a direct impact on these communities. This program has motivated these producers to keep upping their quality, and we are very excited to see that this year's harvest has been very impressive.

Some of the best individual producers in Costa Rica used to deliver their cherry to cooperatives, and in an effort to segregate their own production and quality, opened their own operation. But there are still many producers of that caliber who still deliver cherry to cooperatives. This is where CoopeTarrazu comes in.

Microlots in cooperatives can be controversial, but CoopeTarrazu has made a commitment that they want to improve the lives of their members and offer them

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| Costa Rica |
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| León Cortés |
| Parritilla Community |
| Caturra, Catuai |
| 1300–1500 masl |
| Fully Washed |
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the opportunity of gaining higher quality premiums for their best coffees. This is why CoopeTarrazu developed the Community Coffees project, in which cherry is collected from the peak of the harvest from high-altitude communities, and has traceability to the community or microregion, as opposed to a generic "SHB Tarrazu."

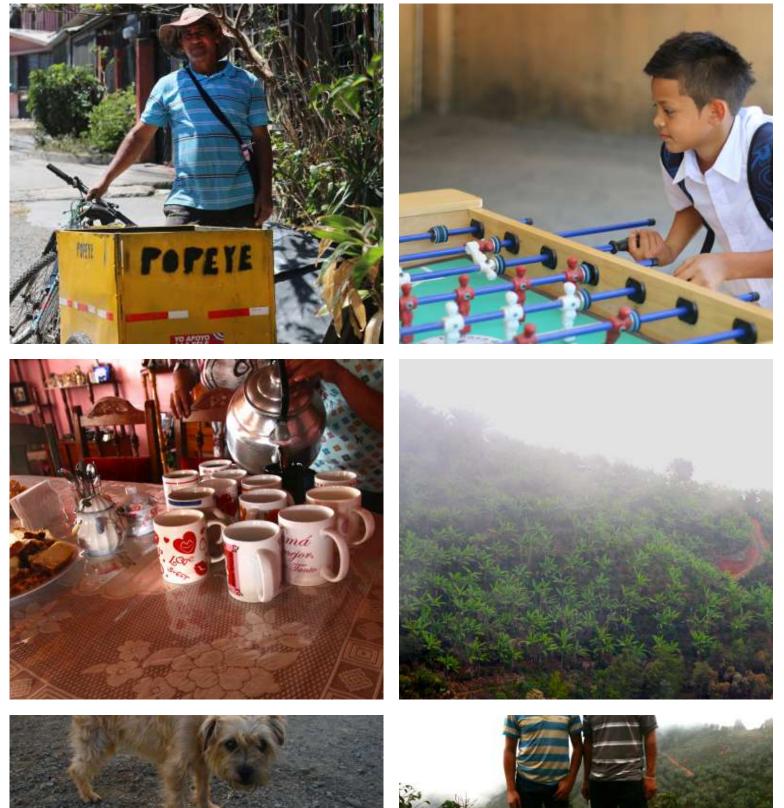
The results of this program have been phenomenal. We are very proud to partner with CoopeTarrazu on this project and support these hardworking producers.

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Location Map



Gallery Community Coffees - Parritilla (GrainPro)



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