

HONDURAS

Yolanda



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FARM: YOLANDA

FARMER: MARIA OFELIA ESTEVEZ

Country: Honduras

Region: Copan

Variety: Red Catuaí, Ihcafe 90

Processing: Anaerobic 72H

Crop: 2023

Altitude: 1200 m.a.s.l.

Harvesting: February - March

ABOUT THE FARM

This coffee comes from Yolanda Farm, owned by 34-year-old Maria Ofelia Estevez. Her love for coffee began when the girl was only 11. Her mother inherited a coffee plantation and took Maria to pick fruits and coffee during the holidays. Later, Maria helped her uncle Wilfredo on his coffee farm. Her first official job in the coffee industry was procurement, where associate producers became a motivator to set her own business. Already at the age of 19, Maria started growing apples. This allowed her to get good financial results and after 3 years to establish her own coffee plantation Yolanda. Yolanda Farm is located in La Vereda, Potrerillos, Corquín Copán at an altitude of approximately 1200 meters above sea level. On the territory of 2 hectares they grow here such varieties as Catuai, Catimor, Parainema and Lempira. The local terroir is characterized by a moderate climate, abundant rainfall and an ecosystem favorable for growing coffee.

For a long time Maria Ofelia has been a member of the Aruco cooperative, which helps her with technical aspects, financing and ensures the marketing of greens at the international level. In addition, Aruco supports local educational and social projects, health care centers. In particular, thanks to them, Maria received a student scholarship for her daughter at the "Corquín Bilingual Basic Center". The cooperative has its own processing station, equipped with modular sections for washing processing and drying. In the fermentation process, ecological equipment is used, which minimizes water consumption, and hot air for drying the greens is obtained by burning coffee husks in special ovens.



Maria Ofelia has recently become a permanent employee of Empresa Aruco in the production and processing department. She also started producing microlots on her farm.