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Caratinga Farm

Grower: Renildo Gering

Region: Mountains of Espírito Santo

Altitude: 850-1000 MASL

Packaging: 30 Kg specialty paper bags

Variety: Red and Yellow Catuai, Ubatã, Catimor e Conilon CD

Process: Process: Pulp Natural and Washed.

Harvest: June-October



Farm info



Despite a life dedicated to agriculture, the history of Renildo Gering in the production of specialty coffees is very recent. He had tried for several years, but according to him, only in 2020 the coffee started to be commeriable, when he decided to install the pulper on the property, in the locality of São Bento de Serra Pelada, municipality of Afonso Cláudio, in the Espírito Santo Mountains.

Caratinga Farm has 27 hectares and is located at the top of the mountain, with crops between 800 and 1000 MASL. The Arabica coffee plantation includes 25,000 holes, with 18,000 plants in production. The land comprises half inherited by the coffee grower's wife, Glicélia Krause, from her father, and the other half acquired by the couple.





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Just to have an idea, in 2020, Gering obtained coffees of up to 87 points of sensorial note, but the average score remains between 83/85 points. "The financial return in the debut year was enough to cover the investment in infrastructure", he says.

In this first year of pulping, production closed at 200 bags of specialty coffee, with a drop in the following harvest (80 bags), due to the biennial period. For 2022, the producer's expectation is one of the best because it will be a "good year".

The current production structure is composed of a box fermenter and a drying yard. Renilto Gerig only uses the fire dryer when the yard cannot handle drying. In the case of the pulper, the water used comes from the source of the site.



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The coffee grower's house is located in Arrependido, 6 km from the city center and 3 km from Caratinga Farm, meeting point for the couple and their children: Mateus, who are about to get married and graduate in agronomy; and Letícia, mother of little Lara and graduated in pharmacy.

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