

BURUNDI
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Limited Release

DIRECT TRADE PARTNER JNP Coffee and Kinyovu Coffee Washing Station	ELEVATION 1750-1850 m
REGION Matongo, Kayanza Province	HARVEST May 2018
CULTIVAR Bourbon	LOOK FOR Apricot, Honey, Pomegranate



This first lot in our 2018 Karyenda Limited Release lineup is a coffee with a serious pedigree. It represents a day's harvest from dozens of small-scale family farmers from the village of Matongo in Kayanza Province, and it was processed at the Kinyovu Coffee Washing Station (CWS). Matongo and Kinyovu have become reference points for coffee quality in Burundi's specialty coffee renaissance: a lot from Matongo and Kinyovu took home the top prize at Burundi's 2013 Cup of Excellence and a Presidential award. Since then it has reliably delivered some of the sweetest and cleanest coffees in Burundi, an origin known for meticulous sorting and pristine coffees. That may be due in part to the special two-step process the Kinyovu CWS employs for all its coffees.

The first step is the traditional washed process: cherry delivered to Kinyovu is run through a depulper to remove the outer skin from the fruit, exposing the sticky mucilage around the seed. Through a process commonly, if not altogether accurately, known as fermentation, microbes attracted to the sweet mucilage break it down so that it can be easily removed when the coffee is rinsed with water. The traditional washed process ends there. But Kinyovu submerges its coffee again in water after the coffee is rinsed, a soaking process that removes any vestiges of mucilage, eliminates any possible distortions of flavor, and reliably delivers a flavors that are transparent and clearly articulated.

But this coffee wasn't just designed for extraordinary flavor. It was also designed to empower women. It comes to us from a woman-owned enterprise, embodies the effort of many women in Matongo, and benefits still women more across Burundi.



Jeanine Niyonzima-Aroian is the founder and owner of JNP Coffee, which processes, trades and tirelessly promotes coffee from Burundi. Jeanine is a member of the Burundi Chapter of the International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA), and JNP actively supports its mission of using quality coffee as a mechanism to empower nearly 2,000 women in the communities where IWCA member coffees are grown. The price we paid for this coffee includes a premium that JNP delivers to women that enables them to reinvest in their families and farms so that coffee can continue to drive increases in household income.

IWCA, for its part, organizes training sessions on best practices for coffee farming, careful sorting of ripened cherries during harvest and other activities that contribute to coffee quality while also advocating on issues that affect women in the coffee sector.

We are delighted to offer this coffee for the second year in a row.

J Mlodzinski
Green Coffee Buyer for Burundi

