

COLOMBIA

POPAYAN

Region:	Cauca
Altitude:	1,700 - 2,100 MASL
Process:	Washed
Grade:	Excelso EP10
Variety:	Caturra, Castillo and Typica
Harvest:	Main Crop: Oct-Dec Fly crop: May-July
Export:	All year
Cert. avail:	NKG Verified, RFA, FT, Organic, EUDR
Profile:	Soft acidity, smooth texture, caramel, cane sugar and red berries. SCA 84.



Coffee bio

The city of Popayan is the capital of the state of Cauca, in the southern half of Colombia. The surrounding coffee region is on the plateau where the Andes mountain range reaches southern Colombia from Ecuador. From there, the Andes breaks into the three separate mountain ranges (or, cordilleras) that cross the country from south to north.

The Cauca and Popayan plateau is at an average of 1,600 meters above sea level and includes the neighboring Purace volcano, which has over time has produced the region's rich soil. Coffee farms in the region are usually smaller than 5 hectares. The region is also home to several indigenous groups that have been growing coffee for decades.

There are two rainy seasons that produce a main crop and a fly crop, or mitaca, guaranteeing fresh coffee year round. The main crop is between April and December, and the somewhat smaller mid crop is between December and January. All cherries are handpicked and then pulped and washed on the farms. The dry parchment is then sold to a dry mill that arranges the selection and export.

Coffees from near Popayan, as a result of the area's soil conditions, altitude and washed processing, generally have a very nice aroma, a medium acidity and a medium body. These features combine to present a pleasant, sweet, chocolate aftertaste.