



# Vournas Coffee Trading, Inc.

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## Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Melaku Washed



Our Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Melaku is a washed and sun dried offering from Ethiopia's renowned Yirgacheffe region. The coffee is sourced from independent growers and small farm holders from the Chelchelie village in the Gedeb district (or "woreda"), which is part of the Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Region (SNNPR) within the larger Gedeo Zone, named after the Gedeo people. The Worka Chelchelie Wash Station is responsible for the pulping, washing and processing. Mill workers hand select the coffee cherries for processing with over-ripe and under-ripe beans separated before processing, keeping the focus on final cup quality. In the cup this Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Melaku (meaning "Angel") has a sweet, resonant aroma, floral and jasmine notes with a clove-like flavor, a clean body and clean acidity. Fresh, local coffee cherries are supplied to the

Worka Chelchelie Wash Station from some 596 local farmers. Built in 2008, the Worka Chelchelie Wash Station sits on a 12 acre plot and features 12 standardized fermentation tanks and more than 360 drying beds. The coffees are pulped and allowed to naturally ferment for 48 hours. The fermented coffee is washed with clean running water, soaked in clean water, and then dried on raised beds for 18 days to about 11.5% moisture content. Dried Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Melaku parchment is stored on site in the field warehouse until it is transported to the Ethiopia capital of Addis Ababa for further processing. Chelchelie village is located in southern Yirgacheffe. Coffee is the oldest and dominant agricultural cash crop here with the majority of small farm holders operating independently on an acre or less. Chelchelie coffees are on average grown at around 6,400 feet (or 1900m). The milling and processing plant in Addis Ababa uses both modern, color sorting equipment and a group of workers that supervise and hand pick the final lots for export. The facility can accommodate around 15k metric tons of coffee at any given time. The Yirgacheffe district (or "woreda") is part of the Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Region (SNNPR) within the larger Gedeo Zone, named after the Gedeo people. The SNNPR shares a border with Uganda to the west, Kenya to the south and the Oromia region to the east. Coffee production remains the primary agricultural industry in the SNNPR, which also claims the woreda of Kochere.

**Cupping Notes:** Sweet clove aroma. Tangerine, cherries with a hint of chocolate. Clean body and clean acidity.



Producer:	Worka Chelchelie Wash Station
Municipality:	Worka Chelchelie Village
Sub-district:	Gedeb
District:	Yirgacheffe
Variety:	Kumie Diga Wilsho (Local Ethiopia Variety)
Processing:	Washed & Sun Dried
Altitude:	6,463 ft (1970m)
Coffee Grading:	2
Harvest:	October - February