



Vournas Coffee Trading, Inc.

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## Fair Trade Organic Colombia Sierra Nevada EP



Our Fair Trade Organic Colombia Sierra Nevada is produced by just 78 family growers, located within the isolated Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta coastal mountain range in Northern Colombia's Magdalena Department. Their co-op, The CooAgroNevada, also known as The Cooperative of Sierra Nevada and Santa Marta Coffee Growers and Farmers, unites these coffee growing families from 19 different villages with the combined goals to improve social welfare, economic growth, quality of coffee and eco-tourism while preserving the region's picturesque peaks, rivers and valleys. This Fair Trade Organic Colombia coffee is also designated as EP or "European Prep" and it shows in the cup, achieving a very nice balance between acidity and body while delivering an overall smooth and pleasant profile with a slightly nutty finish. Since their founding in 2007, The

CooAgroNevada has focused on implementing a number of sustainable systems including mechanical drying silos, solar drying beds and water treatment plants for cleaning and recycling organic waste water from the washing and fermentation process. The latter is particularly important due to the fact that nearly 1.2 million people rely on the freshwater supplied by the rivers of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta range. The co-op produces mainly washed Castillo, Caturra and Colombia variety coffee for their Fair Trade Organic Colombia Sierra Nevada crop. Their main growing seasons are October - December, followed by a mid-crop season (mitaca) of April to June. Producers here also utilize specialized agroforestry systems which take advantage of the region's tropical rainforests, and perennial, natural shade canopy trees that reach heights upwards of 130 ft. The co-op has also invested in commercial roasting equipment in order to promote their own domestic specialty coffee market, which helps to enrich local commerce and increase national and international interest. The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountain range is part of the Colombian Andes and the world's highest coastal mountain range with a highest peak of 18,700 ft (5700 m), located a mere 26 miles from the Caribbean coast. With an abundance of rich topsoil, annual rainfall of 160 in/year and year-round temperatures between 64 - 84° F, the region is very well-suited for the production of high grade arabica coffee.

**Cupping Notes:** Well balanced acidity and body. Smooth taste profile with a somewhat nutty finish.



Producer:	CooAgroNevada Co-op
Department:	Magdalena
Region:	Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
Variety:	Castillo, Caturra, Colombia
Processing:	Washed
Altitude:	2,400 - 5,200 ft (750 - 1600m)
Coffee Grading:	EP
Harvest:	Oct - Dec (main), April - June (mid-crop)

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