



Isacio Albir – Producer - Nicaragua



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Country	Nicaragua
Region	Dipilto
Awards	16th CoE 2011 Agua Sarca

About Isacio

Producer Isacio Javier Albir is the proud owner and operator of multiple farms across the Dipilto region in Nicaragua, and a third-generation coffee farmer. Isacio's focus on shifting his coffees deep into the specialty realm began with improvements through increasing and protecting biodiversity across each of his farms. He has the help from local agronomists to manage the soil quality and the flora diversity results in a greater strength in plant health and a more enticing home for native fauna to discover.

In addition to building and strengthening the surrounding environment to increase his coffee quality, Isacio has also invested time towards the quality of picking during harvest seasons and the finer details of processing techniques. Despite the farms sitting at 1350m above sea level, the cherries mature quite slowly in cool temperatures. This is due to the heavy shade coverage supplied by taller trees across each of Isacio's farms, deliberately planted to enhance some incredible complexity not often seen at this altitude. These small adjustments are enough to lead his coffees into a wonderful realm that Project Origin gladly purchase to share with roasters everywhere.



Sappling trees at Agua Sarca farm, Nicaragua.

Agua Sarca

Producer Isacio Javier Albir

Farm Agua Sarca

Altitude 1350 m

Region Dipilto

Harvest January - March

About Agua Sarca

Finca Agua Sarca has been producing coffee for over 70 years and is now run by the third generation of the family. Isacio Albir has focused on moving his coffee into the specialty category by making gradual changes, like improving the timing and quality of picking as well as paying more attention to processing techniques. Isacio has a local agronomist who looks after the technical needs of the farm every day of the year. This intensive monitoring has helped Isacio to maintain the health and production of the farm, ultimately resulting in a higher quality of coffee cherry.

At its heart, Agua Sarca has a rainforest 'lung' that has been preserved to protect the local flora and fauna. By allowing the forest to take care of itself, the plants can grow in a more diverse environment and are stronger against disease. This biodiversity also provides shade cover for the coffee trees, allowing the cherries to mature more slowly and deliver exceptional flavours – such as his 16th placed coffee in the Nicaragua Cup of Excellence in 2011.

Agua Sarca

Varietal: Paraneima

Process: Natural



Processing Details

- o Picking of only red cherries
- o Siphoned through water to remove floaters
- o Whole cherries are fermented in closed tanks before being laid out to dry. Fermentation time depends on the weather
- o Cherries are removed from tanks and transported to the dry mill facility
- o Dried on raised beds for 3-4 weeks depending on weather
- o Moisture content reduced to 10-12%
- o Coffee is stored in dried cherry pods to maximise flavour and protect the beans until ready for dry milling and export



Coffee tree at El Cipres - Nicaragua



El Cipres

Producer	Isacio Javier Albir
Farm	Agua Sarca
Altitude	1200 m
Region	Nueva Segovia
Harvest	January - March

About El Cipres

What was originally a cattle farm is now a thriving coffee farm with producer Isacio Javier Albir at the helm. Being a third-generation coffee farmer and owning multiple farms, you know you are in safe hands with any of the varieties that grow here. Finca El Cipres is planted with marselesa, parainema, catuai and obata varieties, and these are processed with any of the standard washed, honey and natural processing methods, although be sure to pay attention to the unusually long fermentation times that Isacio tends to favour.

Project Origin have sourced coffees from Isacio since 2017 and are not shy to purchase larger volumes of the lots that shine, but it is also no surprise that his coffees taste as good as they do. Isacio uses the help of a local agronomist to ensure the soil and coffee trees have what they need to produce healthy coffee cherries and as a result provide a sustainable production year after year.