



Washed coffee on drying beds - Rwanda

Buliza

Exporter Roots Trading Company Rwanda

Washing Station	Buliza Washing Station
Altitude	1750 - 2100 m
Region	Rulindo District
Harvest	April - July

About Buliza

The Buliza Washing Station resides at 1790 metres above sea level, but the coffee that is grown for processing ranges from 1750 all the way up to 2100 metres. The red bourbon trees thrive way up high in the mountains in the tropical savannah climate and the yields of these trees are increased 36-50% thanks to bee pollination. The Roots Trading Company has explored the true value of bees on the pollination and growth of coffee trees, and as such have gone to great measures to ensure the cultivation of coffee in this area is a safe environment for them to live and thrive.

The farmers who supply cherries to this washing station are part of the Farmer's Co-operative Uocaru, and they value their collaboration with Roots Trading Company, as the direct trade relationship allows farmers to be paid more immediately for their work. The goals for the Buliza Washing Station include improvements to the infrastructure, planting more trees, and working collaboratively with farmers to improve the quality and quantity of coffee cherries in the area. They are a community that takes great pride in their work, and aim to produce the best they can so there is something for the children to carry on.

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Varietal: Bourbon

Process: Washed

Tasting notes: nectarine, white peach, toffee, juicy, green grape, lime, floral



Processing Details

- o Farmers bring cherries to the station where they are separated by location
- o Cherries are sorted and floated to remove low density cherries
- o Cherries are placed in closed tanks for 24-72 hours for an extended fermentation time
- o Cherries are then laid on raised African drying beds
- o Cherries are turned regularly to maintain clarity and left on beds until moisture content reaches 10-12%
- o Drying typically takes 11-15 days
- o Beans are stored in parchment until ready for export