



Mutovu Washing Station - Rwanda



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Exporter	Rwanda Trading Company
Washing Station	Mutovu Washing Station
Altitude	1800 m
Region	Nyamasheke District
Harvest	April - July

About Mutovu

The Mutovu Washing Station was first built by small co-operative of only 10 farmers, who each had between 1500 - 5000 coffee trees to care for and manage. Since its first harvest in 2012, this washing station has flourished in the local community. It's central location allows more farmers to access the facilities, and those 10 farmers gathered cherries from about 2000 neighbours to combine for a cohesive, complex lot that resulted in high cupping scores.

The Rwanda Trading Company acquired the washing station in 2019 to help boost investment in the community of farmers around it and grow the support for the founding co-operative members. From its humble start with a few thousand coffee trees, Mutovu produces 300-400 tonnes of cherries each harvest now, and the quality remains of outstanding quality. Project Origin happily support the RTC and their commitment to the washing station communities.

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Varietal: Bourbon

Process: Washed

Tasting notes: cherry, red apple, toffee, black currant, lime, peach



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 dry fermentation
- 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 11-14 days
- o Beans are stored in parchment until ready for export