

The unique Profiles of Ecuador

Three farms, three profiles,
one famous producer



Juan Peña's

CAFEXPORTO

- The Specialty Coffee of Ecuador -



All coffee produced at our farms is **Juan Peña Certified**. This means that we control all processes from the **Genetic Bank** where only second generation seeds are maintained, to growing techniques that include the most technically advanced soil enrichment practices in the world, to post harvest processing honed over years of experimentation, to the most advanced dry-mill equipment and management in Ecuador, to Cafexporto's professional logistics team that brings our coffee to your door..

VARIETY

CafExporto Sidra – *The Expression of Complexity*

In Ecuador's high mountain valleys, where clouds drift across the ridges of **Hacienda La Papaya, Yunguilla, and Yacuri**, a singular variety unfolds with rare precision — Sidra.

Elegant, tropical, and deeply aromatic, Sidra has emerged as one of Ecuador's most captivating coffees. At CafExporto, it represents the seamless meeting of genetics, terroir, and human discipline — a coffee that embodies both scientific achievement and natural poetry.



A Variety Born of Intention

Sidra's origin story begins in Ecuador, the only country to call this variety its own. Developed through years of careful selection and observation, Sidra is a **hybrid between Bourbon and Typica**, with traces of **Ethiopian landrace genetics** that lend it its extraordinary floral and tropical fruit characteristics.

From its Bourbon lineage, Sidra inherits body, sweetness, and warmth. From Typica, it gains clarity and fine acidity. And from its Ethiopian ancestry — faint but profound — come the jasmine, mango, and citrus notes that make it unforgettable.

The Taste of Sidra -

Sidra is a sensory journey — lush yet refined, vibrant yet controlled. In the **2025 harvest**, Sidra from Yacuri and Yunguilla showcased **SCA scores above 87.9**, with notes of **black cherry, tangerine, caramel, and dark chocolate**, lifted by bright fruit acidity and a silky tropical sweetness.

The washed lots reveal layered citrus, florals, and honeyed clarity. The **natural Sidra lots** move toward ripe fruit and spice — blackberry, orange, and cacao in exquisite harmony.

Each coffee is calibrated for ideal roast performance — high enough density for structure, low enough moisture for stability, and a perfectly balanced sweetness that allows roasters to express Sidra's tropical and floral depth at any roast degree.



Precision agriculture revealing the full potential of Sidra

In the skilled hands of **Juan Peña** and his agronomic team, this already rare hybrid becomes a living canvas for precision. Each Sidra tree at CafExporto is monitored through the **Integrated Coffee Pulse** system — a network of soil and climate sensors that feed real-time data on water, nutrients, and plant health. The result is balance in every dimension: sweetness, density, and the striking aromatic clarity for which Sidra is known. This precision ensures:

- Optimal fertilization tailored to each lot
- Uniform cherry maturation across elevations
- Stable moisture content and bean density for predictable roasting

By managing plant health through data, CafExporto achieves exceptional bean homogeneity — a gift to roasters seeking precise heat control and reproducible flavor development. A denser, more uniform bean responds predictably in the roaster, allowing each variety to express its full potential with clarity, balance, and consistency.



PROCESS

Washed

The Washed Process (Lavado) is a hallmark of Ecuador's coffee culture, particularly at CafExporto farms such as **Hacienda La Papaya, Yacuri, and Yunguilla**. This method is designed to highlight **clean, floral, and transparent flavor profiles**, allowing the intrinsic qualities of each **variety and origin** to express themselves clearly in the cup.

Selection and Sorting

The process begins immediately after harvest with **selective picking of ripe cherries**. Each lot is hand-harvested, often over multiple passes, to ensure only optimal cherries are collected.

After harvest, a **floatation and density sort** is performed to separate defective or immature cherries. This ensures uniform fermentation and a balanced cup.

Pulping (Depulpado) - Once sorted, the outer skin and pulp are removed using **manual or electric pulping machines**, calibrated to minimize mechanical damage to the parchment. This stage leaves the coffee covered with its mucilage layer—rich in sugars and pectins essential for fermentation.

Washing and Rinsing - After fermentation, the parchment is washed in **clean Andean spring water**, ensuring complete removal of residual mucilage and organisms .

This step is critical to achieve the **clean cup and brightness** characteristic of our washed coffees, in alignment with **SCA quality standards** for physical and sensory uniformity.



Drying (Secado)

Drying represents one of the most sensitive and decisive phases. It is carried out under controlled conditions, typically between **9 to 18 days**, depending on weather and altitude.

Producers employ raised **African beds** or **mechanized drying rooms** equipped with **temperature and humidity sensors**—part of CafExporto's **automated drying room management system**.

This ensures a stable **moisture content between 9–11%** and **water activity below 0.70**, safeguarding shelf life and flavor integrity.

Some smaller farms dry their coffee naturally under the sun, while others use enclosed solar dryers for greater control and consistency.





PROCESS

CafExporto Dry Mill

At CafExporto, precision defines every step of our process. Each lot is **cupped and approved before it even enters our facility**, ensuring only coffees that meet our standards proceed to dry milling. Once inside, every lot becomes part of **our continuous quality** control program, where it is sampled multiple times throughout processing and again after shipment to guarantee consistency from origin to arrival.



- **Mechanical Classification:** Sorting by bean size and shape through calibrated sieves.
- **Air Purification:** Removal of light materials and impurities using airflow separation.
- **Densiometric Table:** Sorting by density to separate high-quality beans from less dense material.
- **Optical Scanning:** Color-based defect removal, detecting green, over-dried, or inconsistent beans.
- **Manual Selection:** Final hand-sorting by trained staff to ensure perfection before packaging.

Hacienda - la Papaya -



THE FARM

Hacienda la Papaya

The Benchmark of Ecuadorian Coffee Excellence

- **Origin:** Saraguro Formation, Loja, Ecuador
- **Altitude:** 1,800–2,200 meters above sea level
- **Ecosystem:** Andean Highlands, Pacific watershed;
- **Climate:** Dry tropics with seasonal rainfall;
- **Soil:** Clay loam, well-drained with balanced organic matter;
- **Cup Profile:** Complex, floral and fruity with cane sugar sweetness, medium body, and bright, clean acidity.



The Heart of Ecuador's High Coffee Country

Perched high in the Andean range of southern Ecuador, **Hacienda La Papaya** is the origin that defined modern Ecuadorian specialty coffee. Under the vision of **Juan Peña**, this farm became both a field and a laboratory — a place where science, craftsmanship, and terroir meet to produce coffees of international acclaim.

The landscape here is striking: steep volcanic slopes, thin mountain air, and a clear horizon that stretches toward the Pacific. Every element of the environment contributes to flavor — altitude sharpens the acidity, sunlight drives sugar formation, and cold mountain nights preserve aromatic compounds that define the coffee's elegance.

Twelve Hours of Light, Infinite Expression

At nearly two thousand meters above sea level, the farm basks in **twelve steady hours of equatorial daylight**. This consistency gives plants a natural rhythm for photosynthesis and sugar accumulation.

Warm days (20–30°C) and cool nights (15–20°C) extend the cherry maturation cycle, concentrating sweetness while allowing complex acids to develop.

The result is a coffee of exceptional balance — **bright yet rounded, structured yet soft**, a profile that roasters describe as luminous in the cup.

Soil, Water, and Purity -

Hacienda La Papaya rests on Andean clay loam soils, rich in minerals and organic content yet naturally well-drained. Balanced fertilization and precise irrigation sustain plant vitality without excess.

Water comes from high mountain wetlands, filtered through layers of volcanic stone, ensuring purity unmatched in most coffee regions.

This combination of elevation, soil, and pristine water gives the coffee its characteristic clarity and sweetness — flavors of floral honey, citrus fruit, and fine chocolate, with a crystalline finish.

A Dry Tropical Climate for Precision -

Unlike the humid tropics of Yacuri, La Papaya thrives in a **dry tropical climate**. Rain falls briefly and intensely for only two months each year, followed by long periods of cool, dry air.

This climate allows perfect control over flowering, ripening, and harvesting — minimizing fungal risk and creating ideal conditions for both washed and natural processing.

The dry atmosphere also enhances post-harvest stability, preserving **density, color, and longevity** in the green bean.

Every sensory element reflects the environment itself — high light, pure air, mineral soils, and dry mountain wind.



Tradition Guided by Science -

What began as Juan Peña’s experimental project has become Ecuador’s model for agronomic precision. Three resident agronomists oversee all processes, from seed propagation to harvest timing. The farm serves as a **training ground for innovation**, where new varieties and techniques — Typica Mejorado, Sidra, Geisha, and more — are developed and refined.

Behind every harvest is a philosophy: that excellence is repeatable when nature, data, and human skill act in harmony.

The Benchmark in the Cup

Hacienda la Papaya is not just a coffee origin — it is a reference point.

Its environment gives coffees of **refined acidity, floral brilliance, and transparent sweetness**, earning global recognition at barista and brewers’ championships.

Roasters rely on it for consistency, density, and flavor integrity — a true **“benchmark coffee”** that defines Ecuador’s potential at the highest level.

Lot [SG-1390] REF#38 Hacienda La Papaya Sidra Washed

Sample type Offer
Weight 150 g
Sample Weight 0 g
Origin
Status Accepted

Sensorial Analysis - QC-2787 - 2025-09-03 08:20 (Cafexporto Coffee Lab)

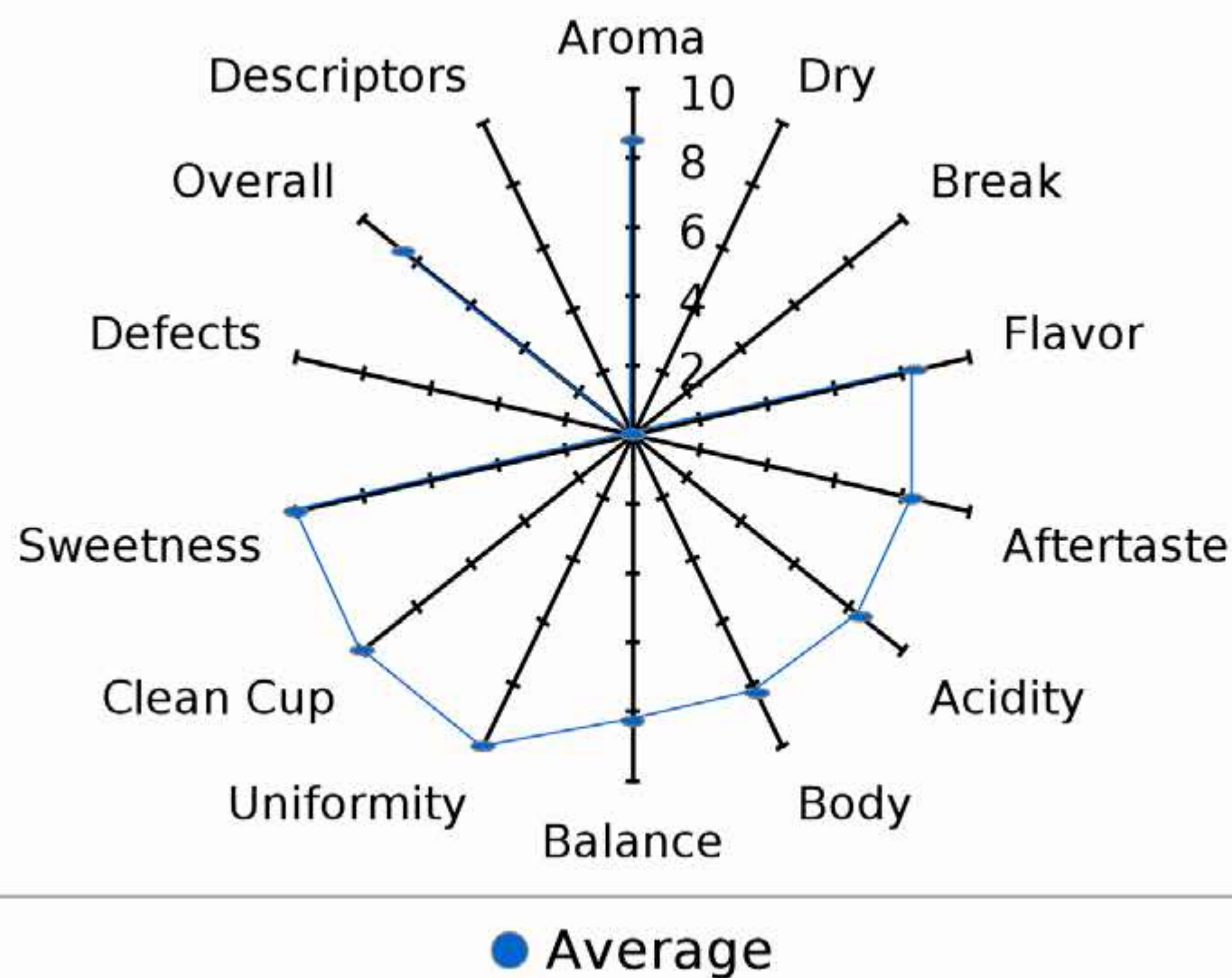
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Max (Value between average and highest score)	0.5	Number of results that are taken into account for the average value	5											
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Descriptors: Ar ... Aroma, Dr ... Dry, Br ... Break, Fl ... Flavor, Af ... Aftertaste, Ac ... Acidity, Bo ... Body, Ba ... Balance, Un ... Uniformity, Cl ... Clean Cup, Sw ... Sweetness, De ... Defects, Ov ... Overall, De ... Descriptors, FS ... Final Score

Descriptors

Notes

(+) Candy, Caramel, Cherry, Citrus Fruit, Fruity, Green Apple, Honey, Lemon, Milk Chocolate



Physical Analysis - QC-3018 - 2025-10-15 15:07

Moisture of beans	10	Group 1 Defects	0
Group 2 Defects	0		

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