



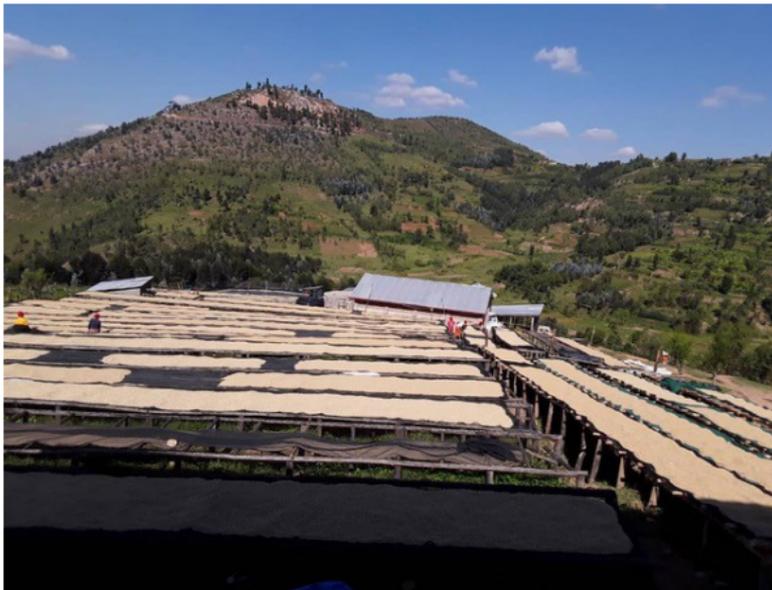
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RWANDA

FULLY WASHED A GITEGA HILLS

Premium
Coffee
Culture

since 1901



Rwanda

Region

Nyamagabe District, Southern Province

Producer

Smallholder Farmers

Altitude

On average 1,700 masl.

Variety

Various cultivars

Harvest Period

Mar - Jul

Classification

A, Screen 15+

Processing

Washed

RWANDA FW A SCR. 15 GITEGA HILLS WASHING STATION

Rwanda is a country full of diversity and rich in fertile lands. The whole country is set on an overall high altitude, the lowest point being 950 meters above sea level. Earthy swamps and sunny savannahs prevail in the east, while the center is characterized by rolling hills. Volcanoes provide nutritional soils, blessing the whole area with verdant slopes.

The Gitega Hills washing station was built in 2015 in the Nyamagabe District, close to the Nyungwe Forest National Park. The washing station is well equipped with pulping machines, fermentation tanks and 87 drying beds. Thanks to this infrastructure, it is able to process over 700 tons of cherries per year. Around 1,200 farmers from the surrounding communities Gitega, Karama, Nyanza and Ngara supply the station. They are supervised by field professionals to help them implement best agricultural practices. Several local initiatives offer support for the farmers, including health insurance, loans, organic fertilizer and seeds for intercropping with pineapple trees.

During the peak harvesting season, up to 150 local workers carefully process the coffees at the washing station. Upon pulping the freshly delivered cherries, the coffee is wet fermented. In a next step, the beans are sorted by density and washed with the help of water filled grading channels. Finally, the wet parchment is dried in the shade for one day, followed by another drying period on drying beds of about 15 days. Despite being a very young station, the extremely careful work conducted by its team results in outstanding washed coffees, providing the global market with some of the best coffees Rwanda has on offer.

Black currant • Black Tea • Kiwi
Passion Fruit • **Raspberry** • Red Apple