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INDIA

LITTLE FLOWER
KATHLEKHAN
ESTATE

Premium
Coffee
Culture

since 1901



India

Region

Bababudan Giri Mountain Range
Chikmagalur, Karnataka

Producer

Kathlekhan Estate

Altitude

1,220 masl.

Variety

Kent, 795

Harvest Period

Dec - Feb

Classification

AA

Processing

Washed

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India is a country full of color: bowls of spices in brick-red and ocher shades in vivid market streets, turquoise water hitting golden beaches, and verdant volcanic mountains pervading picturesque flora. The state of Karnataka is shaped by the Western Ghats mountain range. It is home to one of the greatest biodiversity hot-spots in the world and provides excellent conditions for growing coffee.

The Kathlekhan Estate Arabica is part of the List + Beisler Little Flower brand series. Measuring a total size of 513ha, Kathlekhan is not only one of the largest, but also one of the remotest and oldest estates in the country. The extraordinary environment gives name to the farm: Kathlekhan means Dark Forest in Kannada, the locally spoken language. Originally a dense forest, this area even remains almost dark during daytime, as sunlight only filters lightly through the thick foliage. Bordered by over 40,500ha of dense forest area, called the Bhadra Tiger Reserve, even today panthers, tigers, elephants, bisons and pythons roam freely within this area.

In addition to the cultivation of coffee, the plantation intercroops with pepper, cardamom, arecanut and orange. The variety of native forest trees such as silver Silver Oak, Jackfruit and Teakwood do not only provide shade for the coffee plants, but also give shelter and protection to the above mentioned wildlife while minimizing soil erosion at the same time. Thanks to the combination of the high growing altitude and the shade of the trees the coffee ripens slower so the cherries can develop their full flavor. Once entirely ripened, they are carefully handpicked, pulped and naturally fermented before being washed and finally graded.

Medium Acidity • Nutty • Sweet
Balanced • Medium Body • Smooth