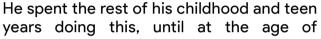
MAXIMILIANO HERNÁNDEZ FARM EL IZOTE



ABOUT THE PRODUCER

From the community of Los Naranjos, Lempira, Maximiliano is a coffee producer who was no able to study due to very poverty conditions of his family, also, there were no schools available near his area when he was a child, so this led him to work since very young, around the age of ten years old, in the growing of basic grains next to his father.





twenty-four he got married to María Molina and together started to work to get their own house. Two years later, Maximiliano started traveling to San Marcos de Ocotepeque during the coffee harvest seasons to work as day-laborer and learn everything about it.

Once he felt ready, in one of his returns to Lempira after the finishing of a coffee harvest, he came with the main idea of growing coffee on his own. His father gave him a plot of land to grow corn, which Maximiliano did, and right after the harvest he traded the corn, gather some savings he had and sold a horse to buy a 0.70 hectares land in the community of El Zanate.

In this new land, Maximiliano planted around 1,500 coffee plants of the Red Paca and Ihcafé 90 varieties, after that he kept expanding his farm little by little. While working on this, he was also able to buy a house, which he paid by growing and selling vegetables.

Today, he has a property of 2.8 hectares of land with 1.4 hectares planted with coffee, all managed in an organic way and that also provide jobs for his family members and for another 10 people during the harvest season.

FARM INFO

GENERAL VARIETIES & MORE LOCATION

Farm Name: FI Izote Farm Size: 1.4 HA Production: 20 Bags of 69kg Hand-picked Harvesting: Process: Washed Depulping: Mechanical Ferm: Wooden box/14 hrs Drying: Concrete Patio Drying time: 12 to 15 days

Red & Yellow Paca Varieties: Catimoro, Lempira, Ihcafé 90 Flowering season: Apr-May Harvest season: Dec-Jan Plant ages: 9 yrs avg Clayey Soil type: Cleanings: 3 p/year Fertilizations: 2 p/year Trades w/Bon Café since 2013

Country: **Honduras** Cardinal direction: West Coffee Region: Celaque State: Lempira Municipalty: San Sebastián Village: El Zanate Altitude: 1.800 meters Latitude: N 14°31'28.71" Longitude: W 88°77'15.93"

