

JOSÉ VALENTIN PÉREZ

FARM EL NARANJO

BON
CAFÉ
SPECIALTY COFFEE
HONDURAS

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

José Valentin is a coffee producer born and raised in the small village of Los Naranjos, which is located in the mountains of Agua Fría, in San Sebastián, Lempira.

He dropped school after finishing the third grade when he was nine years old and right after started to grow corn for a living.

He did this for several years and by the time he was forty-six years old he decided to move out to the neighbor department of San Marcos de Ocotepeque with the main goal to learn all about coffee, after three years living there, he decided to return to Los Naranjos to establish his own coffee farm with some seeds of the Red Paca variety he got for free from the Government of that time, which also gave to him bags to prepare a coffee nursery and fertilizer.

With those seeds, José Valentin was able to plant 0.70 hectares in a land his father gave to him in inheritance and as time passed by, he acquired more lands and planted more coffee on it. By the time he was fifty-two years old, and after selling a part of his land, he was able to build his house. José Valentin never married or had children, so he is fully dedicated to his coffee business.



FARM INFO

GENERAL

Farm Name: El Naranjo
Farm Size: 1.73 HA
Total area: 2.1 HA
Production: 33 Bags of 69kg
Harvesting: Hand-picked
Process: Washed
Depulping: Mechanical
Ferm: Wooden box for 12 hrs
Drying: Patio/5-8 days
Started trading with us: 2010

VARIETIES

Varieties: Red Paca, Catimoro
Lempira, Ihcafé 90
Flowering season: Apr-May
Harvest season: Dec-Jan
Plant ages: 9 yrs avg
Soil type: Clayey
Cleanings: 2 per year
Fertilizations: 2 per year
Storage: New polyethylene
bags in clean warehouse

LOCATION

Country: Honduras
Location: West
Coffee Region: Celaque
State: Lempira
Municipality: San Sebastián
Village: Los Naranjos
Altitude: 1,871 meters
Latitude: N 14°33'09.53"
Longitude: W 88°74'96.35"

He has made noticeable changes to his farming practices in order to improve his coffee production and to protect the environment, such as the treatment of honey waters, the reuse of the pulp waste to prepare organic fertilizer, cleaning manually with machete, planting timber and fruit trees among others. We have been working with him since 2010.

JOSÉ VALENTIN, AT HIS FARM EL NARANJO.

