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East Timor washed Arabica Aifu Altura

Facts

Origin: East Timor

Region: Community Ermera

Organisation: various smallholders

Altitude: 1000 -1.800 meters above sea level

Variety: Mix of typica, mocha and hybrid

Harvest period: May - October

Classification: Aifu Altura

Processing: wet process



Source / Processing / Story:

Timor-Leste, better known in the western as East Timor - is the eastern part of the island nation located amidst the Indian and Pacific Oceans with the western part belonging to Indonesia. The population of 1.2 Million people became an officially independent nation in 2002 after the independence from Portugal was declared in 1975. Their strict obligations lead to severe destruction of East Timor's coffee industry which is still in a recovering process with international assistance of many NGO's. Today coffee is the country's main export good and provides a substantial income for nearly a quarter of the whole population. Aifu is a community of Ermera district in the north west of East Timor which is considered as one of the main growing regions of the country. The landscape is characterized by mountains crossed by a couple of rivers providing a constant source of irrigation. The combination of high altitude, great shade, a cool microclimate and pristine natural environment provides the ideal conditions for cultivating coffee. Most of the coffee is being bulked together from many small farms. Interestingly, Timor is where the coffee variety of the same name originates, but it is not likely to find much Timor type variety planted anywhere in Timor. Timor, also called "Tim Tim" variety is more significant for all the progeny it created from further crosses with Arabica like e.g. Caturra leading to most significant and widely planted "Catimor" variety.

Cup Profile: Medium acidity, medium body, slightly black tea like with hints of dark chocolate, smooth and balanced

