

## **Semente Farm**

Grower: Virgínia Coutinho Aguiar Siqueira

Region: Cerrado Mineiro

Altitude: 950 MASL

Packaging: 30 Kg specialty paper bag with liner

Variety: Catuaí 62, Catuaí 99, Catuaí 144, Mundo Novo,

IAC 125 RN, Topázio, Oeiras, Arara, IPR 100, Geisha, Guará

Process: Natural, Pulped Natural, Honey and Natural

Fermented.

Harvest: June to August

## Farm Info



Coffee farming has been present in the history of the Aguiar family for over a century. Since 1860, it originated in Santo Antônio do Amparo, southern Minas Gerais. Mr. Edmundo Coutinho Aguiar, was one of the pioneers in coffee cultivation in the Cerrado Mineiro region in the 1970s and serves as their greatest inspiration.

Situated in Patrocínio/MG, Semente Farm had its first plantation established in 1988 (22 hectares) by "Seu Ed". Nowadays, the farm spans 300 hectares of coffee and an experimental field with over 20 cultivars under study.

In 1991, Ed and his wife Candida, transferred control of Semente Farm to their youngest daughter, Virginia Coutinho Aguiar Siqueira, who was 22 years old at the time.

Virginia developed a passion for coffee farming and gradually replaced pasture areas of the farm for coffee plantations. This love has been passed down through generations, and today, Semente Farm is managed by Virgínia and two of her children, José Lucas and Maria Vitória the 9th generation of coffee farmers in their family. Their work is driven by their love for coffee.

Since 2018, they have been working diligently on improving the structure and production of specialty coffees:

- Conducting quality mapping before harvest to separate and ensure the best lots of the crop.
- Implementing good post-harvest practices and traceability measures to guarantee positive and safe results.
- Conducting tests and experiments throughout the harvest to achieve increasingly better results and discover new sensory notes.
- Evaluating all lots through cupping performed by a Q-grader.





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The greatest challenges they have faced on the farm are the same challenges they continue to face today: climate-related, such as lack of rainfall and frost, as well as economic challenges due to market volatility. However, they are constantly evolving, seeking ways to produce better coffees while preserving the environment and respecting the entire coffee production chain.

Their life story dedicated to coffee farming, combined with the utilization of new technologies and sustainable management practices, is essential in offering consumers a delightful flavor in every cup of coffee.

The unity of their family is crucial to the success of Semente Farm. Each member, with their unique skills, contributes to the prosperity of their business, which is a family endeavor built with passion, from their family to yours.



