



Fortaleza Borges

Grower: Patricia Borges

Region: Mantiqueira de Minas

Altitude: 1100 MASL

Packaging: 30 Kg specialty paper bag

Variety: Catuai, Catucaí, Icatu, Mundo Novo, Bourbon, Araxa and Gueixa

Process: Natural e Fermented natural

Harvest: June to September



Fa rm info




Patricia Borges story with coffee began in her childhood. Her father, Djalma Borges, has always worked with coffee growing. Her grandfather, Dionizio Batista Borges, was a pioneer in the region, such that, in order to start planting coffee, he had to go to a neighboring city, Tres Corações, and the plants came by ox carts.

Growing in such an environment, she has always been in love with the whole coffee growing process. Because of personal reasons, she moved to São Paulo and just returned to her countryside in 1966, and only then, she decided to work with coffee and make her life through it.

She already had her property when, in 1988, her father unfortunately passed away, then she received other properties and increased her production. Her children, who were little at that time, grew in touch with coffee plantations. Nowadays they are grown up: Amaranta, Guilherme and Daniel. They are her treasure and her right arm.

They are in an extremely favorable region for growing specialty coffee: Mantiqueira de Minas. They have crops from 1200 to 1500 MASL and believe that because of this altitude, as a result of the post-harvest process, they have a great quality coffee.





In 2006, Patricia entered the Association of producers of Alto da Serra - APASCOFFEE and after that she discovered the quality of her coffee. She also takes part in two coffee grower women associations, Amecafé and IWCA Brasil - Mantiqueira de Minas. At APASCOFFEE they have a group of women coffee growers, the “Flowers in action”. She believes that these associations are crucial and a group of only women is essential so they can help each other.

In 2021 Patricia decided to make the transition to some established blocks for organic cultivation. She believes that the organic coffee handling is beneficial to the crop and to the environment as well as for them, taking in consideration the reduction of pesticides, which is better even for the workers.

Currently Patricia has 150.000 coffee trees, from the varieties: Catuai, Catucaí, Icatu, Mundo Novo, Bourbon, Araxá and Gueixa. She is responsible for all processes related to the coffee in Borges Farm, together with her children.

The specialty coffees grown on Borges Farm is due Patricia’s dedication and her workers dedication as well, because, as she says: “without them, I wouldn’t be able to do all this work.”

She believes that women and coffee growers have to be leaders in the rural area in order to inspire other women in leadership and in rural entrepreneurship.

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