



Colombia *Estrella del Sur*

We highlight a revolving selection of the finest lots of Colombian coffee available to be sold as our "Southern Star."

In past years, the big business of Colombian coffee, "The Richest Coffee in the World", has sometimes meant homogeneity in the form of blended stocklots and boring uniform bean sizes. Fortunately for all of us the combined efforts of coffee professionals the world over have made significant progress toward identifying the real gems of Colombian coffees, preventing them from being swallowed up into the massive stocklots of "Colombia Supremo." We now have the pleasure of far greater access to superstar coffees from small farms, small towns, and small cooperatives that we can then export, roast, and sell based on their own unique merits.



Enter the **Colombia Palestina**, a beautiful little coffee that deserves a featured spot in our lineup. This offering is from the Huila region and is comprised almost exclusively of the Catura varietal. Fully fermented, washed, and dried in plastic covered huts, the coffee is also screened to a "15 full," meaning that all the clean coffee above a size 15 is included. In our blind cuppings through the years, we've preferred grades that include this wide range of sizes instead of only the larger (17+) Supremos or medium-sized (15-17) Excelsos. We have found that this size variation enhances the complexity in coffee.

We roast this offering with a light touch to preserve a concise and gentle acidity but take it just far enough to enhance its luxurious body. This gracefully balanced Colombian possesses a delicate citrus blossom bouquet and reveals soft, full flavors of vanilla and almonds with subtle hints of dried fruit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Scott Merle'.

Scott Merle
Coffee Buyer/Roastmaster

