

# BLACK *Diesel* COFFEE

## GREEN COFFEE REPORT

**BDCS CUPPING:** 85.5

**FLAVOR NOTES:** Herbaceous, Floral, Salted-Butter Body

**ORIGIN:** Kenya AA

**REGION:** Kirinyaga County

**PRODUCER:** 1,561 Smallholder Farmers; members of the Mutira Farmers Cooperative Society

**FARM:** 1,561 Smallholder Farms <1 Hectare; Processed at the Kagumo Factory Wet-mill

**VARIETY:** Batian, Ruiru 11, SL-28

**PROCESS:** Fully Washed

**ELEVATION:** 1,550 meters above seas level

**HARVEST:** October-December

**FARM NOTES:**

Within the Kirinyaga County along the slopes of Mt. Kenya is the Kagumo Factory, or wet mill. 1,561 smallholders in this region contribute coffee cherries to this mill and belong to the Mutira Farmers Cooperative Society.

Situated at 1,550 meters above sea level, this region is defined by its bright red soils, full of rich nutrients for coffee trees. The high altitude allows for ideal temperatures and rainfall for the slow maturation of coffee cherries. Smallholders in this region grow coffee on small plots of land and pick the cherries during harvest to deliver to the mill.

Once the cherries reach the mill, the coffee is washed with local river water. After the cherries are pulped, the coffee is placed in large tanks to soak in water and ferment. This allows for the breakdown of the exterior mucilage, normally lasting overnight. The coffee is then rushed through channels and cleaned one final time before being spread evenly on raised tables to dry in the open sun until a targeted moisture content is reached.

Producers and the Factory collectively value sustainability, and various projects have been enacted to reduced environmental impact. Wastewater used for processing is carefully placed into soak pits to seep back into soil without polluting the local drinking source.

**IMAGES:**



**REGION:**

Despite its proximity to the birthplace of coffee, Ethiopia, coffee growing was introduced in Kenya relatively late – by Scottish missionaries, initially, and then commercially around 1900. Despite the late start, today, it is a country renowned for having some of the best coffees in the world. Nonetheless, Kenya's coffee sector faces challenges for the future, and low global prices combined with climate change and population growth have diminished the country's output over the last decade.

Source: Mercanta The Coffee Hunters