



Clavel

Gaitania, Tolima, Colombia

Partner since: 2015

Traceable to: 20 smallholders

Altitude: 1750

Varietals: colombia, caturra,
castillo, tabi, typica

Processing: 18 to 36 hour dry
fermentation, light washing, and
solar parabolic mesh-base
drying

Harvest: November December January April May June

Booking: February May June July

Arrivals: January February March June July August



Clavel growers hail from the Nasa We'sx indigenous community in the San Pedro vereda, south of Gaitania – a hard to reach place with difficult terrain and known as the birthplace of the FARC insurgent movement. But this is a more recent history, and not one that applies to all. Many Nasa We'sx families have chosen coffee as a way to achieve harmony between prosperity and respect for both Nasa ancestral lands and lifestyle. Crop to Cup's relationship with this group is through Cedro Alto, who works in the community to engage globally while honoring indigenous traditions and cosmivision in a sincere and respectful manner.



Colombia and coffee are nearly synonymous. For decades, US specialty has looked to Colombia to source the entire spectrum of coffees, from all-day approachable blenders to unique and experimental competition lots. This range speaks to the diversity to be found within Colombia—diversity in climate, coffee, and culture. Colombia harvests coffee nearly year-round from the northern mountain ranges in the Sierra Nevada to the Rezuardos in the South. Some farmers negotiate directly with roasters on cup scores and track international prices. Others come from remote communities and sell to the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation (FNC) – a setter of standards and buyer of last resort for communities that have access to no other customer.

It can be most fulfilling to comb through collections and drill down past the bodega level. All that is possible within a single collection can often be scaled up if you just ask, that is if you find the right partners who care to listen. Earning trust, calibrating on coffee, and getting into a good cadence for communication are more important here than in other parts of the world.

In Colombia, quality can be found from estates at the container-load or from smallholders 1-2 bags at a time. The key is finding the right partners who can help you to cut through the noise and get to the best coffees every harvest.