



Burundi Kinyovu Washing Station

IWCA Women's Cooperative/ Micro-Lot

PLUM – BROWN SUGAR – HEAVY

AFRICA



Producer: Kinyovu Washing Station



Processing: Fully washed



Region: Matongo, Kayanza Province



Elevation: 1880 masl



Cultivar: 100% Bourbon



Harvest: March - June



Coffee trees



Matongo, Kayanza Province



This coffee is a day micro-lot that was delivered to the Kinyovu Washing Station. The coffee cherries were separated from other day-lots during the washing and drying process in order to preserve the unique cup profile. Approximately 665 International Women in Coffee Association (IWCA) - member farmers belong to this washing station and 91% of them are women.

In 2011 IWCA opened a chapter in Burundi. IWCA is an organization that focuses on empowering women in coffee producing countries and has 19 chapters around the world. The Burundi chapter's mission is to improve "women's skills through training and information to enhance their role in Burundian society...and in the coffee sector." The chapter pays premiums to members and has increased the visibility of farmer members to buyers. In addition, members have participated in food security projects and received coffee roasting equipment donated by our partner at origin.

Farmers have relied on coffee production as a way to rebuild the country after decades of civil war and genocide that occurred in the 1970s and 1990s. Coffee is the #1 export for the country and its exportation has a major impact on the country's economic viability.

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