



# Peru Jose Mercedes Montenegro

## Fair Trade Organic Micro- Lot

### MELON– COCOA– CITRUS

LATIN AMERICA



**Producer:** El Palto Cooperative,  
Farmer Jose Mercedes Montenegro



**Region:** Gracias a Dios,  
Utcubamba Province



**Cultivar:** Typica & Caturra



**Processing:** Washed



**Elevation:** 1520 meters



**Harvest:** June - August



Montenegro on his farm



Gracias a Dios, Utcubamba Province



Mr. Montenegro is a founding member of the El Palto co-op. He has a 6 hectare farm located in the town of Gracias a Dios within the district of Lonya Grande in the Utcubamba Province. An entrepreneur as well as a driver of new production techniques, Montenegro was the first farmer in the co-op to sell his coffee as a micro-lot and the first to introduce the use of a solar dryer on his farm. El Palto co-op produces certified Organic and Fair Trade coffee and has invested a portion of their premium to renovate their crops and convert their members to organic methods that work to conserve the rainforest.

Through a joint partnership with our friends at Ecotierra, Atlantic Specialty Coffee has offset 6 tons of CO2 emissions related to the transport of select Microlots from El Palto. The [verified carbon credits](#) are generated from a forest preservation project developed by Peruvian based Bosques Amazonicos del Peru (BAM) and aims at reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation of virgin rainforest in southeastern Peru.

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