



# National Taste of Harvest Rwanda

## Washed Arabica Category

### 1st Place - Washed Arabica

Final Score: 87.70

#### **COOCAMU**

Country: Rwanda

COOCAMU cooperative is located in Rwanda's Western province, Rutsiro district, Musasa sector, approximately three hours from Kigali-Karongi district, with a boat trip on Kivu Lake lasting up to 45 minutes. The cooperative has 368 members in total with 82 women and 286 men.

Before COOCAMU coffee cooperative was formed, farmers were struggling to find a nearby coffee washing station where they could bring their production, and the transport costs were high. Farmers were not motivated, resulting in low production in the area. After forming the cooperative and constructing a coffee washing station, the production improved and farmers started enjoying the benefits from their coffee.

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### 2nd Place - Washed Arabica

Final Score: 87.50



#### **Gitesi Coffee Washing Station Ltd.**

Country: Rwanda

Gitesi Coffee Washing Station Ltd., a family-owned enterprise in Rwanda's Karongi district, was established by Alexis GAHIZI in 2010 and is currently led by him and his son, Aimé DUSABE GAHIZI. Committed to superior coffee production, Gitesi employs sustainable practices to empower local farmers, champion environmental stewardship, and boost community economic development. Rooted in values such as quality excellence, sustainability, and transparency, the company, a 2012 Cup of Excellence winner in Rwanda, consistently ranks among the nation's top coffee producers. Specializing in green and roasted coffee, Gitesi stands out for its high quality, cutting-edge technology, well-trained farmers, and global service delivery.

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**3rd Place - Washed Arabica****Final Score: 87.50****Green Mountain Arabica Coffee****Country: Rwanda**

Green Mountain Arabica Coffee is a private coffee company based in Rwanda created and led by a woman, NIYONSABA Jeanne, with the support of her husband Steven Rukaka. The company has two main activities, coffee processing in the wet mill and coffee exporting. It works with 1,314 coffee farmers with the goal of poverty reduction through coffee promotion with special attention to marginalized people.

**Contact Person:** Japhet HABIMANA**Contact Email:** japhet@gmac.coffee**4th Place - Washed Arabica****Final Score: 87.10****Coffee Business Center Ltd.****Country: Rwanda**

Coffee Business Center (CBC) is a family-owned, vertically integrated coffee exporting and retail company based in Kigali, Rwanda with operations in Burundi. It was founded in 2002 by Mr J. Paul Rwagasana as a strategic response to the growing demand of Rwandan coffee. Since then, it has played a pioneering role in revitalizing an industry that was severely decimated by the 1994 Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi and helped transform it into the cash crop that benefits more than 400,000 farmers that it is today.

**Contact Person:** Loic Rwagasana, Managing Director**Contact Email:** l.rwagasana@coffee-bc.com**5th Place - Washed Arabica****Final Score: 86.30****Simbi Coffee****Country: Rwanda**

Simbi Coffee, based in Rwanda, became a customer after going through our virtual due diligence process in March 2021. Founded by Abdul Rudahunga, they support a community of over 2,000 farmers. Abdul was inspired to start the business by his grandmother; she was also a coffee farmer and one of the few rural Rwandans that roasted and enjoyed her own coffee as part of her daily routine.

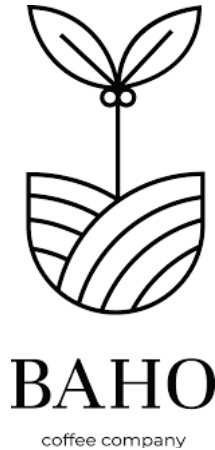
Over 400,000 Rwandan families rely on coffee farming for their main source of income. Overall, it remains a smallholder activity, with the average size of a coffee farm being less than a hectare (around 2.5 acres) containing 200 trees.

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## Natural Arabica Category

### 1st Place - Natural Arabica

Final Score: 88.30



**Baho Coffee Company/Humure CWS**  
Submitted by Baho Coffee Company  
Country: Rwanda

Baho Coffee Company is privately owned, limited by shares and domesticated in Rwanda since 2017. Baho Coffee produces and processes Fully washed Arabica coffee, honey coffee, and natural coffee with a state-of-the-art processing system.

Licensed and monitored by Rwanda National Agricultural Export Development Board, Baho Coffee distributes its processed coffee to Europe, Asia, North America, and the rest of Africa.

Having spent most of the time in agri-processing, Baho Coffee's founder is committed to ensuring the operations' sustainability. We work to strengthen the competitive position of our partners (mainly farmer communities) in a move to enhance their capacity of producing efficiently processed high quality coffee.

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### 2nd Place - Natural Arabica

Final Score: 87.70



**Tropic Coffee/Muremure Farmers**  
Submitted by Tropic Coffee  
Country: Rwanda

Tropic Coffee Ltd. is a Rwandan coffee processing and export company. We produce and sell 100%

Arabica Bourbon specialty coffee with cupping scores over 87. We work with 3,000 coffee farmers to grow, buy, process, and export high quality coffee from across Rwanda. We produce fully washed, honey, natural, and anaerobic coffees.

Our vision is to be a leading Rwandan coffee producer, by providing the highest quality specialty coffee that meets international standards, while increasing income for local growers. Tropic Coffee is a family-owned business founded in 2015, with farmers at the heart of our operations. We work in three different regions of Rwanda, each with different altitudes, climate, soil, and rainfall.

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**Tropic Coffee/Gisanga CWS**

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**4th Place - Natural Arabica**

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**Green Mountain Arabica Coffee**

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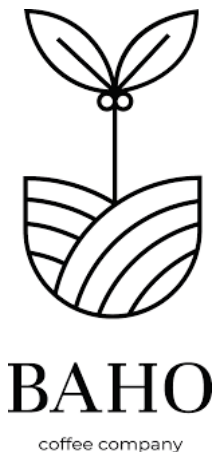
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## Honey Arabica Category

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