



Jovemcafe is a GAT (Grupo de Amistad y Trabajo, or a friendship and working group) that is led by indigneous Popti women in the Com community outside San Antonio Huista. (A GAT is a group that hopes to formally constitute as a cooperative one day.) The women of Com started this group in 2017 to work together to market their coffee and provide provide savings and microcredit services to the group's members. The group's hardworking young leader, Paula Isabel Perez Perez, is currently studying at the local agronomy school to become a coffee agronomy professional.

This lot represents coffee from two of the producers in the group called Jovemcafe, Narcisa Salucio and Paula Perez. These women producers depulp their coffees shortly after picking and they, along with their families, manage the processing of their coffees at small home wet mills. It is here that the coffee is depulped after picking.

The community where these producers live, called Com, is high in elevation and relatively cool, requiring a relatively long and slow fermentation of up to 58 hours. Paula is an agronomist in training and it was her experimentation that led this group to adopt longer fermentations.

Once fermentation is complete and the coffee has been washed, most of the women in the group place the coffee in a tank and allow it to soak in clean water for a second soaking. Once this is complete, the coffee can be placed on the patio for about 4-5 days in order to dry it thoroughly and prepare it for delivery to our warehouse.

This group hopes to formally become a cooperative one day, and has begun selling us their highquality coffees. Through a partnership with The Chain Collaborative, we are supporting this group to create a nursery for forest trees and an organic compost project via their Community-Led Development incubator.







Coop: Jovemcafe

Region: Huehuetenango

Town: Aldea Com, Concepcion

Huista

Variety: Caturra, Catimor

Processing: Washed, sundried on

patio

Size of Finca: .1885-2000 mts

Rainfall: 2,000 ml

Temperature: 16 - 28°C

Water Supply: Natural Spring Water

Producer: Narcisa Salucio and

Paula Perez



