



EIGHT RIVERS

El Salvador May - July 2014



Our Biosphere Reserve Series showcases coffee from some of the most wondrous and wild corners of the globe and helps to keep them that way!

Organic Eight Rivers coffee is a tangible result of the reciprocal relationship between the farmers of Las Colinas and the surrounding ecosystem.

That ecosystem is spectacular. The farming community buffers El Salvador's National Park called El Imposible, "The Impossible." The park is a lush, tropical forest teeming with wildlife.

This protected, rich environment provides a phenomenal foundation from which to grow specialty coffee. It also inspires in the farmers an awareness of how their actions may impact—negatively or positively—a communal natural resource.

Farm productivity is intimately linked with the health of any farming business. A lot can influence how much good quality coffee can be produced on a fixed-size plot of land.

Las Colinas is aiming to produce 25-35% more coffee per year through a combination of complementary—and sustainable—methods:

- » Improving the production and application of organic fertilizers
- » Farm renovation: removing older trees and planting young trees which, in time, will produce more coffee cherries
- » Participating in a farmer exchange with other Central American co-ops, focusing on the role of naturally occurring micro organisms

Las Colinas members' commitment to sustainability helps enrich the soil and protect surrounding waterways. In turn, more productive farms will directly improve the farmers' livelihood. Through this thoughtful work, coffee is the means to simultaneously preserve the ecosystem and advance small farmers' livelihoods.

CO-OP

Las Colinas

ORIGIN

El Salvador

VARIETALS

Paca & Bourbon

ELEVATION

1,000–1,300 MASL

ROAST

Light Medium

PROFILE

Aromas of caramel and citrus with flavors of tart cherry and milk chocolate, and a light refreshing mouthfeel.



Above Left: Shady views of the collectively run Las Colinas farm.

Right: Las Colinas member Julio at one of the fresh water springs that the co-op protects and maintains for their community and surrounding communities.