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LAS MORITAS



SINCE BLUEPRINT'S FIRST VISIT to Las Moritas in 2015, we have worked in collaboration with Josue Morales of TG-Lab to support the evolution of Higinio Gomez's farm. It is a stunning farm high in the Sierra Las Minas mountain range stretching from altitudes of 1700 to 1900 meters. The farm sits atop a panoramic view of Guatemala where, on a clear day, Volcán de Agua can easily be seen, which is over 50 miles away.

Early this year, Josue arranged for Higinio, his wife, Doña Aura, and me to have dinner at their home. Before dinner, Josue showed me a section of Pacamara he and Higinio had been working on for the past few years. This section is their "baby." Josue and Higinio offered the first production lot of this to Blueprint during dinner, which we gladly accepted.

Over dinner, the conversation changed to Higinio's future goals for the farm and ways that Blueprint could assist. Higinio, like many farmers, is trying to reduce his dependency on fertilizers, pesticides, and fungicides at his farm. He has witnessed the increase in expense and dependency on these items as well as the negative effects it has on the soil. Based on his feedback, TG-Lab and Blueprint set up a two-day biological farming training this September, where Higinio and many other farmers from the area were able to improve their composting methods and learn how to promote beneficial organisms in their soil.

I feel quite privileged to share this exclusive coffee with our customers. It is truly the fruition of Higinio Gomez's dedication, Josue Morales' passion, and a true partnership.



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ABOVE: The Pacamara lot at Las Moritas.

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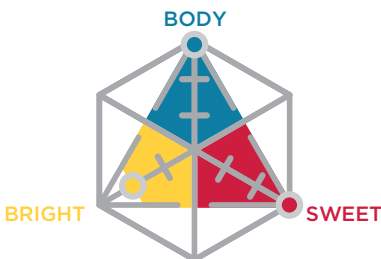
COUNTRY:	Guatemala
REGION:	El Progreso
ALTITUDE:	1700 - 1900 MASL
PROCESS:	Washed
HARVEST:	February - March 2017
VARIETY:	Pacamara
SOURCING PARTNERS:	TG-Lab & InterAmerican

SUGGESTED PARAMETERS

DRIP RATIO: 1 : 16

ESPRESSO RATIO: 1 : 2

WE TASTE: ganache, cherry, cumin, raisin



ABOVE: I posed for a quick photo with the Gomez family in September during the biological farming training.