



KAWA KABUYA



IN SPECIALTY COFFEE, APPRECIATION

for terroir is rooted in an understanding of a particular place. When we drink a cup of coffee we are experiencing the terroir of a coffee's origin over time, revealed through soil, harvest, and processing. To reinterpret terroir as not only the result of place over time, but also the people, makes the context and significance of that coffee deepen.

Cooperative Kawa Kabuya (CKK) is based in the North Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of Congo. A conversation about this coffee cannot be had without acknowledging the history of colonialism, socio-political instability, and unending civil conflict there. This is a country that has experienced resurgence and renewed interest in coffee following a sharp decline in production due to an ongoing civil war. For producers, getting coffee to market has not been without the typical obstacles, such as lack of access to resources, agricultural guidance, and fair market returns. To compound these matters, getting coffee to market sometimes means smuggling it across the border into neighboring countries Rwanda and Uganda. To get coffee from producers in the DRC is most certainly an uphill battle that has many substantial and unique barriers.

Through the development of cooperatives and outside investment, quality coffee production in the DRC has seen major growth in recent years. CKK has a rapidly growing network of smallholder producers and washing stations in North Kivu. It operates with an interest in providing support, resources, and market representation for its members. Its successes provide a sense of optimism for its members as they are realizing the potential of their land and coffee.

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COUNTRY:	D.R. Congo
REGION:	Bashu, North Kivu
ALTITUDE:	1450 - 1550 MASL
PROCESS:	Washed
HARVEST:	Oct. 2016 -Jan. 2017
VARIETY:	Catucai, Bourbon, Blue Mountain
IMPORTER:	Ally Coffee

SUGGESTED PARAMETERS

DRIP RATIO:	1 : 17
ESPRESSO RATIO:	1 : 2.25
WE TASTE:	apricot, fig, macadamia nut

