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AGASARO



THE BLUEPRINT COFFEE BOUTIQUE SERIES IS A selection of the finest and most unique offerings from our partners around the globe. The Boutique Series features special varieties, distinct processing methods, and prestigious origin farms. Because of their unique qualities, these offerings are available in limited releases. It's a one-of-a-kind flavor experience our team has selected to showcase all the things we love most about coffee.

This coffee comes from Rwanda Agasaro women's group, operating within the COCAGI cooperative. COCAGI was founded in 2004 by the PEARL project to help generate agricultural revenue after the Rwandan genocide of 1994. The PEARL project has helped transform Rwanda into a specialty coffee producer by introducing regional washing stations.

Established in 2018, Agasaro was the first women's group within the cooperative. Members are educated in growing and farming practices, as well as quality assessment. Two female agronomists guide members on best practices. The cooperative is also proud of its efforts to train women to become official cuppers.

Blueprint pays Artisan's "300 Club" pricing, along with a women's premium, for Agasaro's coffee, transferring funds directly to the member women's bank accounts to ensure they receive the wages. Artisan also started an internship within COCAGI to support young women with their undergraduate degrees. The efforts of Artisan and COCAGI go beyond improving coffee quality. They aim to improve the lives of these women: through equitable wages, education, and professional opportunities — empowering them to be decision-makers in their community. With this Boutique Series release, we want to recognize our partners at Artisan and COCAGI for their commitment to transparency, traceability, and equity.

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COUNTRY:	Rwanda
PRODUCER:	Agasaro, a women's group within the COCAGI co-op
REGION:	Gashonga, Rusizi District
ALTITUDE:	1600 MASL
PROCESS:	Washed
HARVEST:	May - June 2023
VARIETIES:	Bourbon
SOURCING PARTNERS:	Agasaro (farm group) COCAGI (mill) Artisan (importer)

SUGGESTED PARAMETERS

DRIP RATIO:	1 : 16.5
ESPRESSO RATIO:	1 : 2.25
WE TASTE:	cranberry, citrus, floral, golden raisin, nougat

BODY ● ●
SWEET ● ●
BRIGHT ● ● ●

PHOTOS: *Artisan Coffee Imports*
ABOVE: *COCAGI Cooperative members walk along the mountainside in the Gashonga region of Rwanda.*
OPPOSITE: *The Butambamo washing station.*