

El Salvador

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is one of the more significant estates belonging to JASAL, and also a National Forest Association of El Salvador reserve.



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Farm	San Francisco
Producer	Salaverria family
Region	Nahuizalco, Sonsonate
Altitude	1300 – 1800 masl
Size	207 hectares
Varietals	Bourbon, HSF, Yellow Catuai, Pacamara, Gesha, Ana Kafe
Harvest	December - March

The farm was purchased in the early nineties and needed major renovations. Extensive work was started, but the explosion of nearby Santa Ana volcano burned large portions of the farm and so even more work was required before the farm could become what it has today. Managers Remberto and Jose, along with head agronomist Francisco are kept busy.

Coffee grown above 1700 metres here is grown as wild coffee, in amongst the trees and forest of the reserve. It is all Yellow Catuai, unusual for a forest grown coffee which would tend to be red.

The farm also grows the varietal HSF, an abbreviation for Hibrido de San Francisco, giving away the fact that this farm lent its name to the Bourbon x Pacas cross discovered here. Cup quality is very similar to Bourbon, but it has a slightly higher productivity and shows greater tolerance to rust.

Coffees are milled at Beneficio Las Cruces, located in nearby Santa Ana department. The mill has been regularly updated and is currently renovated to contain wet and dry processing facilities, along with eco-friendly equipment, raised african beds, patios and new mechanical driers.

