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Bener Meriah



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MUTIARA GAYO

Profile

Country	Indonesia
Providence	Aceh
Regency	Bener Meriah
Altitude	1200 - 1500 masl
Variety	Tim Tim, Ateng Super
Harvest	October - November
Process	Giling Basah





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The Republic of Indonesia is a country of seventeen thousand islands, reaching across the Indian and Pacific oceans and forming part of the Ring of Fire. Unsurprisingly, it is the world's largest island country, though with only the second largest coastline. Forming part of the Sunda Islands, that are an archipelago stretching across Malaysia, Brunei, East Timor, and Indonesia is Sumatra. Largest of the islands it is fully encompassed within the country's borders. The northern part holds Lake Toba, formed in a caldera caused by the largest-known explosive eruption in the last 25 million years which caused a drop in global temperatures of around 4°C that lasted for three years.

Mutiara Gayo cooperative has 458 smallholder members from 12 villages in the Bener Mariah regency which is located next to Lake Laut Tawar in Aceh province and was founded in 2018. Most farmers have a small plot of land to grow coffee, such as Ramdani who has 1.5ha of land on which 1500 trees are grown, she prunes every year and stumps the trees every 10 years.

The semi-washed process for this coffee first takes place at the individual farmers' lot, they pulp the cherries and ferment them for one night. The parchment is then delivered to Wahana Graha Makmur mill where it is hulled at 50% moisture, and then dried to 13% moisture content. It is then de-stoned, gravity sorted, colour sorted and finally hand sorted.

Tim-Tim variety is a hybrid of *C. Arabica* and *C. Canephora* (Robusta) and Ateng Super is a selection from a single dwarf tree found on a farm in Kecamatan Silih Narah, Aceh that produced well, and spread among farmers.



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