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<i>Cooperative</i>	Cooperativa Agraria Frontera San Ignacio (COOPAFSI)
<i>Region</i>	San Ignacio, Cajamarca
<i>Altitude</i>	1000 – 1800 masl
<i>Varietals</i>	Typica, Caturra, Mundo Novo, Bourbon, Catimor, Pache
<i>Processes</i>	Washed, Honey, Natural, Anaerobic
<i>Harvest</i>	May - September
<i>Certification</i>	Fairtrade, Organic, Rainforest Alliance

The San Ignacio Province sits at the top of the Cajamarca region in Northern Perú sharing a border to the north with Ecuador. Here the western and eastern mountain ranges of the Andes meet to form microclimates in the buttresses and valleys that descend from the mountains to the Amazon basin.

The farms are located in the buffer zones of a protected natural area, and have seen spectacled bears, cock-of-the-rocks, jaguars and peccaries within their boundaries. This means working with an organic methodology and certification is a strategic point because through these standards, a culture of protection of wildlife and species in danger of extinction is encouraged and created. Such microclimates present perfect opportunities to grow coffee.

The cooperative offers 432 members that embody it the chance to increase quality via improved access to services such as technical assistance, social services, financial support and the facilities to cup the crop they are growing. With cupping and grading providing the final sorting options, it means the control is there for a great quality cup, and the extra revenue earned is reflected in the price paid to the farmer.

Recent projects have received grants to strengthen the production chain of honey and its derivatives within the cooperative. This has been led by 81 leading members of Las Damas de San Ignacio, a gender equality focussed committee within the cooperative. Bio-orchards, agroforestry systems and reforestation will not only increase the amount of honey produced but improve and restore the habitat of the spectacled bear. Further, digital systems and online technologies for sales are also developed to aid in the sale of these.

Producer María Olga Aguilar Diaz of the San Pedro committee

