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El Salvador

SAN ERNESTO

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<i>Farm</i>	San Ernesto
<i>Owner</i>	Urrutia family
<i>Region</i>	El Balsamo, Quetzaltepeq
<i>Altitude</i>	1000 - 1250 masl
<i>Size</i>	140 hectares
<i>Varietals</i>	Bourbon, Pacas
<i>Processes</i>	Natural, Honey, Washed
<i>Harvest</i>	November - January

Now in their sixth generation, brothers Enrique, Rene and Gustavo run San Ernesto alongside their two other farms. Their father Gustavo is still involved as an advisor, giving them the benefit of his experience.

The farm is split into twenty-eight tablons, allowing them to produce microlots if they wish. Each is between 3 and 6 hectares. In 2012/2013 they lost 80% of their coffee plantations to leaf rust, and the renewal has changed their way of management. Instead of pruning some of the trees, they are systematically pruning the whole parcel of land. Planting one varietal of coffee on each section of land helps with better management. This strategy has further evolved to start encompassing select varietals at their best performing altitudes and will form the planting structure over the next few years.

All the Urrutias Estate coffees are 100% shade grown and native trees are planted every year to prevent erosion. The main trees which are grown are the izote and the copalchi which also act as a natural wind barrier.

Coffee on this 140-hectare farm has recently been awarded the Denomination of Origin (PDO). Certification is given by the cuppers from the Salvadoran Coffee Council under the SCA standards in order to guarantee quality and characteristics of coffee from a geographical region from the Central part of El Salvador which includes the Balsamo Quetzaltepeq Mountain Range and the San Salvador Volcano.

Rene & Enrique Urrutia with farm manager Noe at San Ernesto

