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Legacy, dedication, and teamwork intertwine to produce exceptional coffee. Victor and his passionate team strive for excellence from seed to cup.



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Farm	Santa Maria
Owner	Victor Robelo
Region	Aranjuez, Matagalpa
Altitude	1380 - 1500 masl
Size	35.2 hectares
Varietals	Caturra, Yellow Catuai, Red Catuai, Java, Geisha
Processes	Washed, Natural, Honey
Harvest	January - April

Santa Maria has grown under the ownership of Victor Robelo to just over 35ha from the 17ha it was in 2017. Forming part of Grupo Las Nubes, it is one of seven farms in the Matagalpa and Jinotega region. It lies within La Reserva El Arenal so coffee here grows in the shade of the forest, and has been part of the family since 2011.

Victor himself is the third generation of his family owning farms in coffee since 1937.

Ownership in the family went through hard times with the conflict when they were forced off the land, but he has since come back to purchase and restore the farms his father owned with a purpose to have a highperformance and high-quality coffee.

Speaking to ACE when he won the Cup Of Excellence back in 2017 he attributed the ongoing success to the team he works with.

"There is no secret, simply doing things together, as a team, both technical part, responsible for farms, cutters and the whole team, is a set of people involved in the process. Apart from a good collection and a good wash, good drying work and dry beneficio, a total follow-up from the seed to the cup I think is the success of getting a good coffee. But I come back and I repeat the success is in the team." - Victor Robelo

