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<i>Owner</i>	Carlos Henrique Ribeiro do Valle
<i>Location</i>	Guaxupé, Minas Gerais
<i>Altitude</i>	1150 masl
<i>Size</i>	500 hectares, 250 hectares as coffee
<i>Varietals</i>	Bourbon, Mundo Novo, Catuai, Icatu
<i>Processes</i>	Pulped Natural, Natural
<i>Harvest</i>	May - September

Monte Alto Farm, planted in the 1880's is coffee tradition. The Ribeiro do Valle family has been dedicated to coffee culture for over 140 years, nowadays in their ninth generation. The family's patriarch is very well-known in the region, by the name "Barão de Guaxupé". The farmhouse is historic, and a place that has been carefully restored and preserved by its owners. They make an effort to keep the family's memories alive through this place.

Carlos Henrique Ribeiro do Valle inherited the property from his parents. His wife, Marina do Valle, is very engaged in the farm's affairs, in addition to participating in coffee-related events and keeping up to date with the latest news in the market.

The couple's daughter, Julia, also follows the work on the property and does her best to shape the future of the farm. The old patio became a beautiful garden in front of the house and the drying processes moving to a higher spot, built in 2017, with double the size, where the sunlight reaches during the whole morning and afternoon.

Within the boundaries of the property, besides the coffee plantation, there is also a large area of native forest protection, springs and lakes, housing for the employees, and social areas. There are over 30 families living at Monte Alto. In total, the farm counts on 45 employees all year around. During the harvesting season, they hire more 30 pickers to form a team of 75 collaborators.

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With a mountainous relief, the harvest on the farm is manually done (with mechanised derrigadeiras) in 70% of the area; the other 30% is mechanically harvested. The washing station was updated in 2017 in order to be more sustainable, as they use way less water than the conventional ones.

With basically 50% of the property dedicated to the forest (with much influence of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest), keeping the microclimate in perfect harmony, Fazenda Monte Alto counts on the assistance of a biologist to catalogue the many species of local fauna and flora.

In a greenhouse, the team cultivates seedlings of native fruitful and flowering trees found on the area for planting and for donations. Around the land, there are many preservation areas for lakes and water sources. The majority of native seedlings for SMC's Geracoes program comes from this farm.

Monte Alto Farm has installed photovoltaic plates so that all installations make use of solar energy, that is, a clean resource, an investment totally thought out for the more sustainable future of coffee growing with which the whole team has been working.

