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<i>Location</i>	Amazonas, Lonya Grande
<i>Altitude</i>	1700 - 2000 masl
<i>Varietals</i>	Typica, Bourbon, Java, SL28, Geisha ++
<i>Processes</i>	Washed
<i>Harvest</i>	June - October
<i>Certifications</i>	Fairtrade, Organic

In 2002, two friends named Manuel Rojas and Esther Requejo decided to invest in coffee cultivation with a sustainable approach. They acquired a plot of more than 105 hectares in the locality of Ortiz de Arrieta in the Amazonas region, called Miraflores.

They liked this very much due to its excellent conditions for growing specialty coffee, particularly because of its altitude and soil. Amazonas is a region located in the northwest of Peru that extends between 500 and 2995masl with coffee plantations located between 1200 and 2000masl. The climate varies between 18° and 24°C with abundant rainfall mainly between the months of October and April–May. Perfect for regular flowering and subsequent swelling of the cherry.

In this way, within five years the pair managed to establish 53 hectares of Typica coffee.

In Peru during the years 2011 to 2013 there was a severe outbreak of coffee leaf rust (CLR), which drastically affected the coffee plantations at Miraflores farm. During the years impacted by CLR and until 2016, many efforts were made to recover the affected plantations. By 2018, only 10 hectares had been restored through a renewal pruning. This consists of cutting the coffee tree completely down to 60cm above the ground. The plants responded favourably to this practice, so by 2019 there were 10 hectares of Typica that were completely new. Vigorous, and with great productive potential.

To generate a production of unique qualities, sustainable and oriented towards a differentiated market with prices outside the NY exchange, the owners of Miraflores farm designed and agreed a plan for cultivating speciality coffees of unique varieties. Specific areas were assigned with: Geisha (1900 – 2000masl), Bourbon (1850masl), Java (1900masl), Typica (1700–1800masl), and SL-28 (1800masl), among other varieties. The first fruits started to be harvested in 2021.

