

YIRGACHEFFE ORGANIC CHELBESA G1 WASHED

ETHIOPIA GREEN COFFEE | GENUINE ORIGIN



Coffee Details

ORIGIN

Chelbesa kebele,
Yirgacheffe, SNNPR,
Ethiopia

PRODUCER

Chelbesa wet mill

PROCESSING

Washed

HARVEST SCHEDULE

November - January

VARIETY

Wolisho, Dega

ALTITUDE (MASL)

1950 - 2200

Coffee Background

The Chelbesa kebele (village) is a renowned producing area in Yirgacheffe in the Gedeo Zone of Ethiopia's Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR). Here, shade-grown coffee thrives under a dense, layered, semi-forest canopy. The Chelbesa wet mill was established in 2019 with the goal of sourcing fresh coffee cherries from hundreds of nearby smallholders. Over 760 producers contributed to this Grade 1 washed processed coffee.

The ceramic fermentation tanks at the Chelbesa mill bring clarity to the coffees and stimulate the fermentation process with better heat retention.

Considered by many to be the birthplace of coffee, Yirgacheffe needs little introduction. Ancient landrace varieties dominate the smallholder coffee gardens that are often organic by default, tended by farmers who intercrop food crops to maximize the potential of this region's fertile soil.

Most Yirgacheffe farmers are smallholders farming fewer than three hectares. Coffee is generally sold as cherry to centralized washing stations. This practice helps control quality and allows wet mills to bring out the distinctive Yirgacheffe terroir.

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