

TOMÁS MANUELES GÓMEZ

FARM EL OCOTAL

BON
CAFÉ
SPECIALTY COFFEE
HONDURAS



ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Tomás is a coffee producer born in 1978 in the village of El Zanate, San Sebastián, Lempira, and has around ten years producing coffee full time.

His beginning in coffee was not an easy one, as he comes from a very poor family that was able to send him to school for the first time until he was eight years old, and with many efforts, Tomas completed his basic studies by graduating of sixth grade at fourteen.

After he finished his studies, his father decided to move to San Marcos de Ocotepeque with hopes of improve their lives and get better jobs.

Tomás worked there as a day-laborer cleaning coffee farms, making nurseries, fertilizing and picking coffee during the harvest seasons. While doing all of this, he always told himself that one day, and with the help of God, he would become a coffee producer as well, even though the dream seemed very far away at the moment, but his desire of being able to acquire a small land kept him working very hard.

At the age of 20, he met his wife María Isidra and time later they started to grow their family, having six children in total. At the same time, Tomás also learned to grow potatoes, cabbage and other vegetables, which helped him to provide more food to his family.

FARM INFO

GENERAL

Farm Name: El Ocotal
Farm Size: 2.8 HA
Total area: 4.9 HA
Production: 31 Bags of 69kg
Harvesting: Hand-picked
Process: Washed
Depulping: Mechanical
Ferm: Concrete tank for 16 hrs
Drying: Patio / 5-6 days
Started trading with us: 2014

VARIETIES

Varieties: Catimoro, Lempira
IHCAFÉ 90
Flowering season: Apr-May
Harvest season: Dec-Jan
Plant ages: 5 yrs avg
Soil type: Clayey
Cleanings: 3 per year
Fertilizations: 2 per year
Storage: New polyethylene
bags in clean warehouse

LOCATION

Country: Honduras
Location: West
Coffee Region: Celaque
State: Lempira
Municipalty: San Sebastián
Village: El Zanate
Altitude: 1,929 meters
Latitude: N 14°34'05.08"
Longitude: W 88°76'86.33"

After nearly ten years later, Tomás decided to return to El Zanate to start his own coffee farm with a small lot of only five hundred trees, and after a few years of struggle, he finally started to see some profits that allowed him to plant more coffee and build his house. Thanks to his long time commitment and the help of his family, his farm El Ocotal has provided enough for them to get other small plots of land to keep cultivating more coffee.

This, plus the changes he has implemented in his farming practices around seven years ago when he started receiving technical assistance from our field team, has had a very positive change in his coffee production and quality and the sustainable way he takes care of his farm now.

Today, he still lives in El Zanate, and is looking forward to keep learning and producing more coffee. He's hopeful that the future crops help him achieve his news goals which are the improvement of his house and to be able to buy a vehicle for the first time in his life.

TOMÁS, WITH HIS WIFE MARÍA ISIDRA, AT THEIR HOUSE, IN THE COMMUNITY OF EL ZANATE.



TOMÁS, AT HIS FARM EL OCOTAL.

