



Colombia Ema Ordoñez

peach - candied orange - honey

SOUTH AMERICA



Producer: Ema Ordoñez



Region: Aponte, Nariño



Cultivar: Caturra, Colombia



Processing: Honey



Elevation: 2100 masl



Harvest: Aug-Nov / March-May



Ema Ordoñez



Ema's honey coffee drying



Ema is a very quiet lady which we have met only once. However, the most important part of her story is that she is part of the Inga Indigenous community, to which most growers in the Aponte region belong to.

This community is one of the last independent indigenous cabildos in Nariño and still holds many of their old traditions. They belonged to the northernmost part of the Inca Empire before the spanierds conquered the south of Colombia and still have their Cabildo, or leadership in town. They have had to survive massive yet slow land slides. These land slides have split the town in two and affected most homes in town.

Ema has a large family, most of who have their independent farms but also help their mother with the management of her small plantation.