



Old Kent India Caffè Moak

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One of the earliest established coffee plantations in India, Old Kent Estates (formerly Horoor Estate) has an illustrious history that spans more than a 150 years. The carefully selected Arabica & Robusta plants grow under the two tier canopy of impressive rosewoods, silver oaks and cluster-fig trees, The estate was first developed in 1860s by a British pioneer planter, Lt. Col. W.R. Wright. The “Kent” variety of Arabica was one of the earliest cultivars of Coffee, once grown on the plantation. Today the estate is managed by the Thaikappa Family who have owned the property since the past 4 generations.

The estate is located in Coorg, in the southern Indian state of Karnataka. Situated on the Western Ghats mountain range, one of the 25 biodiversity hot spots of the world, it is home to numerous exotic flora & fauna. As an environmentally responsible enterprise, Old Kent Estates ensures that the fragile eco system is sustained and supported.

We produce around 70 tons of coffee annually but have access to more than 1000+ tons from our neighboring estates. At an elevation of 1000 mts, we cultivate both Arabica & Robusta varieties; with the harvesting season beginning from December and lasting till March. We have expertise in both processing methods: washed + unwashed. The pulping machine used is similar to Penagos (Columbia). Post pulping, the beans are traditionally sun-dried on clay patio. We have been mainly functioning as a "farmer" selling our green coffee (raw, un-assorted coffee) to the local markets. Our coffee is intercropped with Pepper, Cardamom and other exotic spices and is shade grown (bird friendly) and we strive to cultivate the crop in an environmentally responsible manner. The coffee from our estates is UTZ certified.

Recently, we have started directly exporting to an Italian Roaster exploring the single origin concept, this premium single estate specialty coffee is sold at high end gourmet Cafes & Restaurants in Europe. We have humbled to be recognized by the IIAS (International Institute of Coffee Tasters) in Italy and awarded the Gold Medal in the Espresso Category.

We have converted part our estate into a luxury boutique resort (www.oldkentestates.com) Discerning guest have the privilege to spend a day in the life of planter and to have the complete coffee experience from “Crop to Cup” starting from a visit to the plantation all the way to roasting & cupping sessions.



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