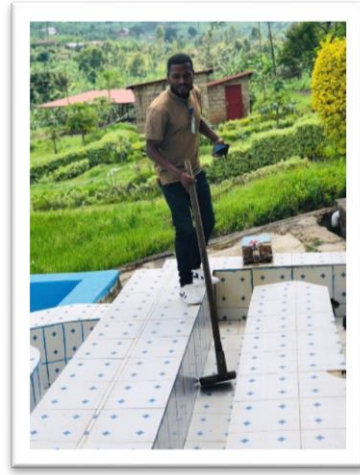




Rwanda Agaseke Women-grown



Agaseke is a traditional Rwandan pointed top basket. Rwandan women are famous for being excellent weavers of these baskets. Rwandans use these baskets to present gifts to each other.

Region/Coop: Western Province, Karongi district, KOPAKAKI DUTEGURE coop, Agaseke women's sub-group.

Parent coop members: 1184

Women's sub-group members: 100

Quality: Grade A1, +15 screen, specialty grade, Euro preparation (EP), no old taste. Clean cup.

Elevation: 1,600-1,800 masl

Variety: Arabica, Bourbon

Processing: Fully washed, dried on raised beds

PTD guarantee: Artisan replaces up to 2 bags, no questions asked, if PTD is found. Larger quantities will also be replaced after determining the intensity of the problem using the smell-and-grind protocol.

Certifications available: Fair trade, Rainforest Alliance

Training: Lean at Origin trained

Packaging: Jute bags with Grain-pro liners

Cupping Notes: Basmati, apple, chocolate aroma; cedar, green grape flavor and spice aftertaste. High acidity and good body.

Arrival in Port: November

Warehouse location(s): Continental Terminals, NJ or the Annex, Oakland, CA

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The Kopakaki cooperative was one of the first in Rwanda to begin roasting the women’s coffee beans, packaging them and selling them to visitors to their cooperative.

We have seen the women’s group grow from a fledgling team of 25 to almost 100 members today. They are proud of the health of their trees. They have a criteria list of quality measures that must be met before women are allowed into the Agaseke group.

Still, the number of trees each woman owns is small, averaging around 200.

Kopakaki cooperative is the first in the area to offer “coffee tourism”. They’ve built their name into the hill with white-stones, placed English signs at key points in their tour route and they are partnering with tourism groups in Kigali to bring in the visitors!



Kopakaki has had the opportunity to partner with many of the investment and development groups that support Rwanda’s coffee sector. For example, from 2018- 2020, they were supported by the Japanese International Development Agency (JICA) and in 2022 they had a JICA volunteer working with them. Through these projects, they have developed nurseries, detailed quality control plans and new methods for fighting pests and improving productivity.

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