









The legendary Chuao cacao is cultivated in a small village founded in 1660, located in the northern coastal mountain range in Venezuela and surrounded by dense rainforests. The village is famous for its cacao plantations, beans from Chuao are considered some of world finest cocoa. Chuao village is enclosed by high mountains, limiting contact with people and insects from other areas.

Some experts attribute the extraordinary quality of the cacao beans of Chuao due to the intense work of the village's labourers during the pre-harvest, harvest and post-harvest. We visited the village with Chloé Doutre Roussel in March 2023.





Dark chocolate made of Chuao cocoa heans

Cocoa content: 72%

Variety: hybrid of Criollo Tasting notes: complex, rounded, medium fruity acidity, aromatic explosion

Origin: Empresa Campesina Chuao Aragua, Venezuela



Dark chocolate with cocoa nibs made of Chuao cocoa beans

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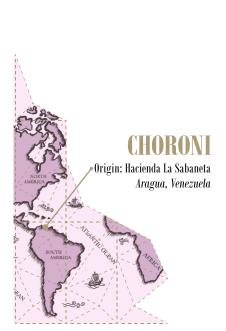
Origin: Empresa Campesina Chuao Aragua, Venezuela Cocoa beans enrobed with darkchocolate made of Chuao cocoa beans

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La Sabaneta, a distinguished cocoa farm in Choroni, owes its exceptional quality to its central coastal location and the favourable conditions provided by the Henri Pittier National Park.

The farm's owners, in collaboration with cocoa specialists and extensive research, strive to enhance the unique genetics of their plantations, preserve the cocoa's quality, and improve harvest efficiency.

We visited the village in March 2023.





Dark chocolate made of Choroni beans

Cocoa content: 72%

Variety: Criollo Puro, Trinitario Acriollado
Tasting notes: pink grapefruit, passion fruit,
lemongrass, chamomile

Origin: Hacienda La Sabaneta Aragua, Venezuela



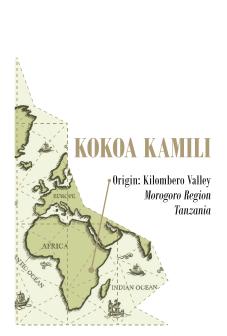
Dark chocolate made of Choroni beans with candied iyokan peel

Cocoa content: 72%

Variety: Criollo Puro, Trinitario Acriollado Tasting notes: pink grapefruit, passion fruit, lemongrass, chamomile

> Origin: Hacienda La Sabaneta Aragua, Venezuela





In the Kilombero Valley, bordering the Udzungwa Mountain National Park, smallholder farmers cultivate remarkable cacao characterised by a rounded profile with red fruit notes such as cherries and berries, floral undertones, and a smooth, chocolaty finish. 700 smallholder farmers benefit directly from higher prices for premium, organic certified cacao.

Cacao is cultivated in small-scale agroforestry systems, intercropped with shade trees, bananas, corn, and other crops, creating a buffer zone adjacent to the National Park





Dark chocolate made of Kokoa Kamili beans

Cocoa content: 70%

Variety: Trinitario and Neo-Nacional Tasting notes: red fruit, floral, nutty

> Origin: Kilombero Valley Morogoro Region, Tanzania



Dark chocolate made of Kokoa Kamili heans with wasahi sesame seed

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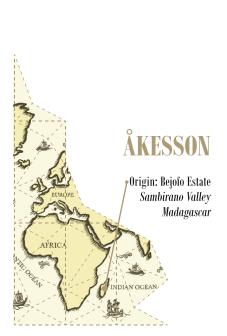
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Coconut disc enrobed with dark chocolate made of Kokoa Kamili cocoa beans, seasoned with tonka bean



Piemonte hazelnut enrobed with dark chocolate made of Kokoa Kamili cocoa beans, seasoned with Ceylon cinnamon





One of the most renowned cacao origins globally, Akesson's Estate comprises several farms in Madagascar's northwestern Sambirano Valley. The most productive of these is Bejofo Estate, which alone yields approximately 300 tons of cocoa annually.

Over the past decade Akesson's cacao has gained a reputation for its fruity, almost juicy beans, which create some of the world's most distinctive chocolate. All cacao grown on Akesson Estate is organically certified.





Dark chocolate made of Åkesson beans

Cocoa content: 69%

Variety: Trinitario
Tasting notes: citrus and red berries

Origin: Bejofo Estate Sambirano Valley, Madagascar



Dark chocolate made of Åkesson beans with candied yuzu peel

Cocoa content: 69%

Variety: Trinitario
Tasting notes: citrus and red berries

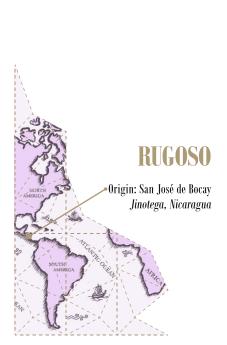
Origin: Bejofo Estate Sambirano Valley, Madagascar Sicilian almond enrobed with dark chocolate made of Åkesson cocoa beans, seasoned with Voatsiperifery wild pepper from Madagascar

Cocoa content: 69%

Variety: Trinitario

Origin: Bejofo Estate Sambirano Valley, Madagascar





In 2015, Nicaragua was recognized as 100% fine cocoa origin by the International Cocoa Organization. Only 9 countries are recognized as such.

The Rugoso cocoa variety we are working with is named like that because in Spanish, Rugoso means rough texture. This orange-red coloured pod has wrinkles on its surface, making it easy for producers to classify the variety when harvesting. Separating the cocoa pods per variety allows a consistency in the flavour.





Dark chocolate made of Rugoso beans

Cocoa content: 70%

Variety: Trinitario
Tasting notes: rye bread, notes of plum,
soft tannins

Origin: San José de Bocay Jinotega, Nicaragua



Dark chocolate made of Rugoso beans with panko breadcrumbs

Cocoa content: 70%

Variety: Trinitario
Tasting notes: rye bread, notes of plum,

soft tannins

Origin: San José de Bocay Jinotega, Nicaragua Roasted macadamia nut enrobed with dark chocolate made of Rugoso beans

Cocoa content: 70%

Variety: Trinitario

Origin: San José de Bocay Jinotega, Nicaragua



