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NICARAGUA UCA SAN JUAN DEL RIO COCO

San Juan del Rio Coco, in Nicaragua's Madriz department, is known for its mountainous terrain, fertile volcanic soils, and reliable climate, making it well-suited for high-quality Arabica production. At altitudes averaging 1,300 meters, cooler temperatures slow cherry maturation, allowing for deeper flavor development. The Rio Coco river, a vital resource for the region's agricultural life, provides irrigation and supports the surrounding ecosystems, making it central to both the community's livelihood and coffee's distinct character.

The Unión de Cooperativas Agropecuarias San Juan del Rio Coco (UCA SJRC) is a union of eight cooperatives founded in 1993. Representing over 370 smallholder farmers—106 of whom are women—it operates across five communities in the region. UCA SJRC's mission is to improve coffee quality, secure fair prices, and promote sustainable farming practices. Many farmers own small plots of around 2.8 hectares, relying heavily on family labor. About half of members operate their own wet mills, with some renting them to neighbors, fostering collaboration and additional income. The cooperative invests in community initiatives, technical training, and quality-improvement programs to strengthen both livelihoods and coffee standards.

This coffee is classified as SHG (Strictly High Grown), meaning it is cultivated above 1,300 meters for enhanced flavor complexity. It is also EP (European Preparation), ensuring screen size 15+ and meticulous defect removal for a clean, uniform cup. The combination of altitude, careful sorting, and traditional washed processing contributes to its balanced acidity, medium body, and layered flavor profile.

FARM/COOPERATIVE	San Juan Del Rio Coco
REGION	Madriz, San Juan del Rio Coco
ALTITUDE	1,300 MASL
PROCESSING	Washed
GRADE	SHG EP
VARIETALS	Bourbon, Catuai, Caturra, Maragogype
HARVEST	December - March
CUPPING NOTES	Dark Chocolate, Lime, Brown Spice



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