



# INDIA: RATNAGIRI ESTATE LOT 67 HONEY

Honey (GrainPro)

*Lime, caramel, black treacle*



## THE CUP

Body



Acidity



SCA Score



**Flavour:** Lime, caramel, black treacle, butter, black tea.



**Mill:** Ratnagiri Estate

**Region:** Bababudangiri in the South Indian Western Ghats

**Farm Size:** 285 acres

**Processing:** Honey

**Grade:** AB

**Screen Size:** 15+

**Growing Altitude:** 1280m - 1417m

**Processing Altitude:** 1280m - 1417m

**Varietal:** Catuai, Chandragiri

**Harvest:** December - March

**Soil:** Fertile red loamy



## The Art of Production

An exclusive for Olam Specialty Europe, Ratnagiri proposed their first ever honey processed coffee from this harvest.

After picking, the coffee is de-pulped leaving some mucilage and is then dried on raised beds for 16 to 20 days, where further sorting and preparation takes place for these microlots. The coffee is raked and turned every 3 hours from the first day of drying, and covered in the evenings.

Agricultural maintenance is a top priority at Ratnagiri. Quarterly soil tests and organic corrections to soil applied. Ionic seawater and sea weed extract are applied to improve plant immunity and sugar levels of the fruit. Brix testing of coffee cherries is done before harvesting.

## The Region

Ratnagiri Estate is situated at the top of a mountain range in the coffee producing area in South western India. This estate has been in operation for many decades, being passed down from grandfather, to father to son. While initially the son, Ashok, continued traditional farming practices. He has since spent many years traveling to origin countries, visiting well-known farms and taking from the best of their practices and incorporating it into his operation at Pearl Mountain. His farm is a lush shaded environment with 3 stories of shade. The farm is home to over 48 recorded bird populations, monkeys, leopards, wild boar, tigers, mongoose and, on occasion, elephants.

For all intents and purposes Ratnagiri Estate is an organic/biodynamic farm, but also maintains official Rainforest Alliance Certification.