



Excelsa Natural

yogurt/kefir, maple syrup, blood orange, chocolate

SPECIES	Excelsa	ORIGIN	Ziobwe, Uganda
VARIETY	/	PROCESS	natural
ALTITUDE	1100m	HARVEST	2026

Excelsa (*Coffea dewevrei*) is an alternative coffee species native to Uganda, where it is traditionally grown in the Ziobwe region. Together with the Uganda Coffee Farmers Alliance, HyCoffee supports producers in developing their cultivation, harvesting, and processing, with the aim of improving quality, opening access to the European market, creating new income opportunities, and establishing a climate-resilient alternative in coffee farming. As a natural, last season's Excelsa showed a distinctive sweetness, a medium acidity reminiscent of blood orange, and gentle chocolate notes. As the new harvest is still to come, the profile may differ. For the 2026/27 season, HyCoffee is investing in a mobile processing station to further develop the quality of Excelsa. Excelsa is particularly exciting for climate-resilient blends and darker roast profiles.

climate-resilient

Excelsa can thrive at higher temperatures and with lower humidity than both Arabica and Robusta. It is also less susceptible to common pests and diseases. When Excelsa is cultivated alongside Robusta or Arabica, the risk of a climate-related shock impacting all crops at once is reduced, as the species have different growth cycles and therefore different harvest seasons. This means less income volatility for farming households. Furthermore, Excelsa delivers higher and more reliable yields, providing farmers with a more stable income and enabling them to build savings and invest in climate-adaptation practices.

socially responsible

We source our Excelsa through a cooperative network in Central Uganda. Together with local producers, we work to improve quality and to evaluate new, experimental processing methods. We then offer a direct market route to Europe, where Excelsa has traditionally played only a minor role. HyCoffee pays producers 200% of the price they previously received for Excelsa. This allows farmers to increase their income, diversify their coffee production, and build a more resilient and future-proof livelihood.