# ORETI ESTATE

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## ABOUT THIS COFFEE

Belco first got to know the Harries family a few years ago.

Boyce Harries is the 5th generation of the family to manage the two Chania and Oreti plantations. These two farms are the last remaining medium-sized farms in Kenya.

Both Chania and Oreti Estates specialize in washed coffee processing, Coffee cherries undergo a carefully monitored process of fermentation (18:00 hours), washing, and drying. The estates categorize beans based on size and quality, with primary classifications being AA (screen size 18+), AB (screen size 17+), C(screen size 16+) and PB (Peaberry, screen size 15+).

Water management is another key factor in coffee production. With an average annual rainfall of 700-750mm, the farms also implement sprinkler irrigation during dry periods, often irrigating overnight to optimize efficiency. The estates are part of a broader river system that includes the Karimenu River and Chania Rivers, providing a vital water source for coffee cultivation.

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| Farm | **Oreti Estate** |
| Producer | **Boyce Harries** |
| Species | **Arabica** |
| Varieties | **Mixed Var** |
| Process | **Washed** |
| Drying | **Drying beds** |
| Altitude | **1525** |
| Harvest | **October - January** |
| Type of harvest | **Manual** |

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