

# CHANIA 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.

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.

Boyce manages a seedling nursery that cultivates both coffee and commercial exotic trees. They use their own timber and actively plant eucalyptus. Additionally, they practice re-grafting for certain coffee varieties.

Farm	<b>Chania Estate</b>
Producer	<b>Boyce Harries</b>
Species	<b>Arabica</b>
Varieties	<b>French mission</b>
Process	<b>Natural</b>
Drying	<b>Drying beds</b>
Altitude	<b>1525</b>
Harvest	<b>October - January</b>
Type of harvest	<b>Manual</b>

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