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

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