

## Untained Taste of PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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## ULYA COFFEE

## **ULYA PLANTATION AX**

Situated in the central west of the Waghi just under Mt. Ulya (locally known as Mt. Oga) is the old Ulya plantation, a place where the coffee is as rich as the history that surrounds it. The Waghi valley is encircled by steep mountains and pristine forests surrounding the Kuli area and has a rich and important history in PNG's farming practices. It is recognized that this area was one of the world's most advanced farming areas many thousands of years ago. This incredible history of Waghi Valley is proudly carried forward into today's coffee production.

Shortly after PNG's independence, a large area of the old plantation was handed back to traditional landowners. Most of these blocks are today well managed and are a prominent supplier of high quality cherry to the Ulya Plantation Mill.

The main plantation block of Ulya is still managed by a single owner, supplying exclusively to Monpi Coffee Exports. In 2013, Monpi Coffee Exports assumed control of the Ulya Plantation mill and its cherry supply from the old plantation blocks. Monpi has since completely renovated the mill and invested in a state-of-the-art waste water plant on the wet-mill premises. Monpi and the Ulya landowners are now offering one of PNG's finest plantation grades.

Ulya plantation cultivates a mixed (Typica/Arusha) coffee variety on dark, volcanic sandy loam soils. The parchment is primarily sun-dried and Monpi is proud to be able to offer this high end plantation style coffee under the banner Ulya AX.

A good acidity and a medium body give this coffee a well balanced profile overall. There is ample complexity to be found. Some presence of sweet fruit notes is well set amongst more herbal and spicy elements. With hints of tomato and a dark chocolate finish, this cup has a very pleasant and smooth finish.

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