



OKRO ROASTERY

KENYA MAKAMU AA

LOCATION: Mukurweini, nyeri county

ELEVATION: 1,650 M.A.S.L.

PROCESSING: Fully washed, sun dried

VARIETY: SL 28 & Ruiru 11

MORE INFO

Lilian Wambumi Maina owns and operates her family farm, Makamu Estate. The name of the farm is an acronym for her family members and shows her dedication and connection to her heritage. The farm is located close to the Mukurweini village, which is in the south of Nyeri County and therewith located in the central region of Kenya. Nestled between the South-Western slopes of Mount Kenya and the Aberdare Range, the county is famous for producing delicate coffee qualities with high acidity in the cup. Nyeri town is the capital of the county and its prime centre for commerce. Tea and coffee farms owned by smallholder producers surround the area and climb the mountain slopes. They are also the county's most important crop.

Lilian Wambui Maina diversified her income by being involved in dairy, corn, and bean production. Her land covers 10 hectares and is blessed with perfect climate conditions to cultivate coffee. To be able to stay on top of crop and animal needs, she permanently employs eight full-time employees. All of them receive health insurance and social security payments. In the promotion of gender equity, Liliam started to pay an annual maternity and paternity leave! At the Makamu Estate, one can find many environmental and social impact activities. Not only is agroforestry an integral part of the farm, but so is soil and water conservation and integrated pest and disease management. There is a deliberate emphasis on the use of manure from the dairy unit to replenish the nutrients in the soil. In this regard, there is less and less use of inorganic fertiliser, which is good for the soil's health and the environment generally.

