

# PHILIPPINE COFFEE AWARDS

As proof of the high quality of Philippine coffee beans, the country has been garnering international coffee awards or recognition in recent years.

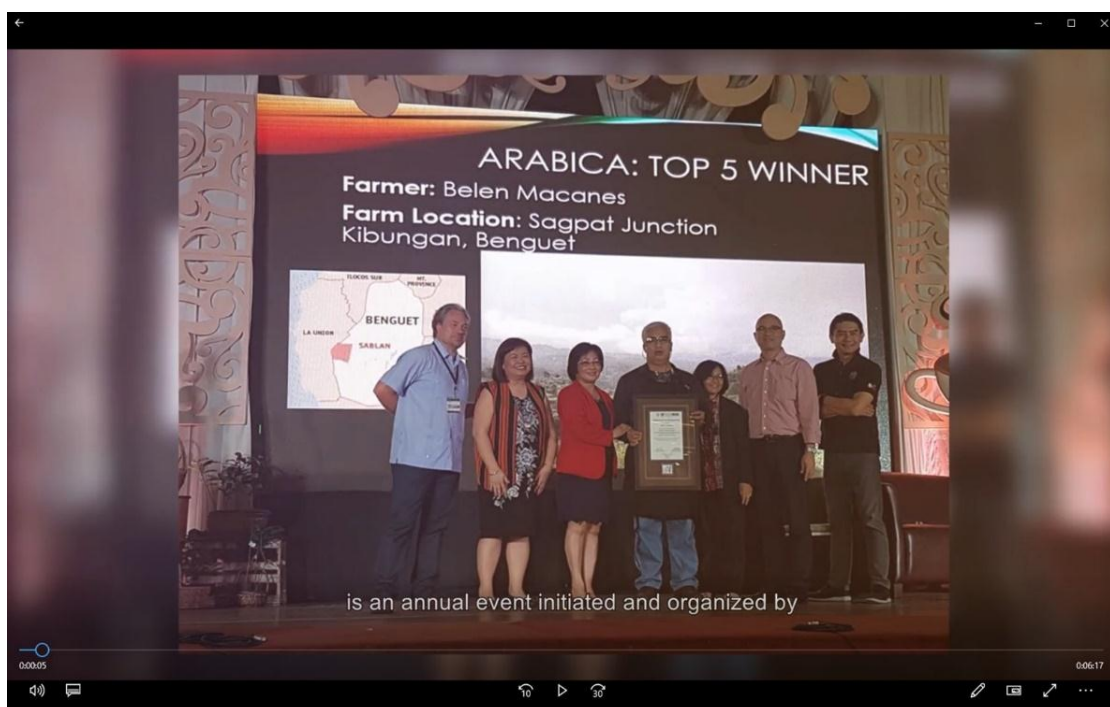
In the 2019 annual contest of the Agence pour la Valorisation des Produits Agricoles (Agency for the Valorization of Agricultural Products) or AVPA, where around 700 coffee producers from around the globe participated, the Bukidnon-grown Mirabueno Coffee and SGD Coffee from the Northern Sagada were recognized as two of the world's best coffees. Mirabueno Coffee received the Gourmet prize for the puissant doux (bold sweet) category, while SGD Coffee received the Bronze prize for the rond equilibre (rounded, well balanced) category.<sup>1</sup>

In the 2019 Philippine Coffee Quality Competition (PCQC), the selected top 12 Arabica and 12 Robusta coffee were featured and cupped during the Specialty Coffee Expo in Boston, Massachusetts on April 12-14 at the Boston Convention Center. The winning coffee lot for the Arabica category was from the farm of Ms. Marivic Dubria of Balutakay Coffee Farmers Association from Bansalan, Davao del Sur, with notes of hibiscus, pineapple, lemon, green apple, thyme and basil. For the Robusta category, the top winner was from Bukidnon's Millennium Multi-purpose Cooperative farmer Ms. Lorna Libante, with notes of raisins, mixed berries, toffee, grapefruit, fig and orange.<sup>2</sup>

PCQC is an industry government initiative of the Philippine Departments of Trade and Industry and Agriculture, in cooperation with the Barista and Coffee Academy of Asia and the ACDI-VOCA PhilCafe Project funded by the US Department of Agriculture. The PCQC invites internationally renowned and local judges who select the top performing coffee produced within the Philippines.

Marivic Dubria's coffee also bagged first place in the Arabica Category of the 2018 PCQC. She showcased her green coffee in a Specialty Coffee Exposition in Boston, Massachusetts the same year.<sup>3</sup>

Sagada's Bana's Coffeewon its first Gourmet Award in the 3rd International Contest of Coffees Roasted in the Countries of Origin in 2017, organized by the AVPA.



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<sup>1</sup>"Two PH coffee firms win international contest in Milan", CNN Philippines, www.cnnphilippines. Published 5 November 2019.

<sup>2</sup>"Top PH coffees featured in Boston specialty coffee expo" by INQUIRER.net US Bureau. Posted on 19 April 2019.

<sup>3</sup>"Coffee farmer from DavSur town to join Coffee Expo in US" by Digna Banzon, Philippine News Agency. Published on 28 March 2019.

In the 2017 Kape Pilipino Green Coffee Quality Competition held at the Cavite State University, the Inhandig Tribal Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Malaybalay City won in the Arabica category with 85.75 score while Kape Maramag won in the Robusta category with 83.42 score. The winners were also featured at the Specialty Coffee Association of America expo of the same year in Seattle.<sup>4</sup>

### Top 10 Winners of the First Kape Pilipino Green Coffee Quality Grading Competition, 2017

ROBUSTA TOP 10			ARABICA TOP 10		
RANK	NAME	SCORE	RANK	NAME	SCORE
1	Kape Maramag Cecila Aringo	83.42	1	Inhandig Tribal Multi-Purpose Cooperative (ITMPC) Adelina Tarino	85.75
2	Mt. Apo Coffee	82.75	2	Benguet State University Valentino Macanes	84.92
3	Marayag Coffee/ Rubber Farmers Association Leonilda Dalogdog	82.58	3	Yolanda Giangan	84.67
4 & 5	Talbak Coffee Growers Association Cesar Villarama	82.54	4	Sagada Arabica Coffee Processors & Growers Org.	84.67
6 & 7	Imelda Villanueva	82.54	5	Kalsada Coffee Company Ma. Theresa Domine	84.29
6	Balangason Rosevilla Teotis	82.38	6	Marcelo Apidos	84
7	Ableg Multipurpose Cooperative Sagmayao Malayan	82.38	7	Belen Macanes	83.79
8	Arnel Bernard Gonzales	82.08	8	Shirley Palao-ay	83.67
9	Ramora Lithon	81.96	8 & 9	Hinelaban Coffee Foundation Renee Perrine	83.67
10	Letty Monterolla	81.71	10	IMDALSA Agrarian Reform Cooperative Pam Guingona	83.02

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At the Roasters' Choice Award in 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand, the Philippines' KAPATAGAN ARABICA was awarded 1st Runner Up under the Syphon Category and 2nd Runner Up under the Espresso Category.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Philippine Coffee Board Inc., [www.philcoffeeboard.com](http://www.philcoffeeboard.com).

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*