The odyssey for the meticulously roasted beans in your cabinet is one many of us don't know or don't fully appreciate. At each step in this long road, Stone Creek is diving deeper in understanding how we can improve quality and relationships to give you more reasons to sip a little slower.

#### GROWTH



they sprout.

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Seeds are planted in sand and organic material until

MONTHS



#### 02 YOUNG TISSUE

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Plants are allowed to mature in protected condition.



# 03 PLANTED SAPLING

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More years to mature, depending on altitude, region, and territory.



# 04 MATURE PLANT

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YEAR

At 3-5 years, coffee plants can finally start providing a full harvest of cherries.



#### RIPENING

#### 05 FLOWERING

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Flowers once a year – can either cross or self-pollinate.



# 06 BUDDING

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Buds take months to mature into full coffee cherries and must survive pests, fungus, and potentially harsh weather conditions.



# 07 RIPENING

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Cherries do not ripen at the same time – some can be picked earlier than others.



# 08 HARVESTING

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Once ripe, cherries are harvested. Experienced coffee pickers collect up to 90 kg/day. Cherries do not ripen at the same time – some can be picked earlier than others.



#### HARVESTING

# 09 SORTING

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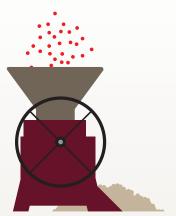
Beans are sorted for screen size, density, color, and defects.



# O PROCESSING

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Cherries are taken to a mill to be processed. Duration depends on whether washed, semi-washed, or natural is used.



# 11 PATIO DRYING

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Beans must be dried until 10-12% of humidity.



# 12 SAMPLE ROASTING

HOURS

Each farm's sample is roasted in our cupping lab to a uniform roast level to detect levels of sweetness and acidity.



# ROASTING

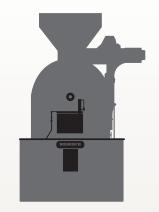
# 3 CUPPING

Each sample is cupped and scored. Only high scoring coffees are considered.



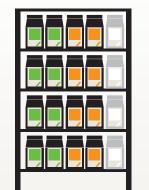
# ROASTING

Once the coffee arrives, each coffee receives a unique roast profile that brings out the best flavors of that particular bean.



# 15 PACKAGING

After a battery of quality control cuppings, the beans are packaged for our cafes and wholesale family.



# 16 BREWING

Each coffee is then meticulously brewed by one of our baristas (or by you at home) to bring out the most flavor potential.



# ENJOYING

# 17 SIP SLOWLY

◆ TAKE YOUR TIME



