



## Sumatra Silaban Tao – Indonesia Gr1 FTO

### Silaban Tao

The Tunas Indah Farmers Cooperative in the area just north of Lake Laut Tawar

produced this double certified Organic Fair Trade lot. It was founded in 1998 and is nowadays one of the largest cooperatives in the Bener Meriah region, counting over 4000 members. The coffee is named “Silaban Tao” after the province and the lake. The Tunas Indah coop is organic and Fair Trade certified. This has



helped farmers in the cooperative learn new techniques and use Fair Trade premiums to fund social programs.

### Programs

#### Access to Food Staples

Members are given packages with basic food staples including rice, vegetable oil and sugar.

- Seed Distribution and New Varieties

Each member received five fresh seedlings from a plant nursery that members created to experiment with new varieties.

- Workshops Aim to Improve Quality

Beginning September 2013, producers across 33 villages receive professional training to help increase their production and coffee quality.

### On a general note – Indonesia

Indonesian coffee is often frowned upon for its peculiar tastes. Judged from the clear Central American coffee frame of reference, this might be no surprise. But when you set aside the taste reference of other origins, that’s when you can truly appreciate the typical deep, rustic and often sweet tastes of Indonesian coffees. The country has the perfect growing conditions of height, fertile soils and temperature, albeit with a troublesome humid climate.



Because of consisting of about 17,500 islands, the country has a fascinating biodiversity with various microclimates. Dutch colonialists already brought coffee to the island group at the end of the 17th century, making the archipelago a pioneer in coffee production, as well as one of the first coffee-producing giants. Yet, nowadays Indonesia isn't quite renowned for producing top-notch coffees and problems with rust have long ago driven it from its leading coffee position. However, those who put on their adventurous shoes will discover a truly remarkable and interesting origin.

**Quality:** Silaban Tao Grade 1 - fairtrade & organic certified

**Farm/Washing station:** Various smallholder farmers - Tunas Indah Cooperative

**Variety:** Linie S

**Crop** 2015

**Comments:** mild acidity, cedar, heavy body, deep sweetness | score: 82.5

**Cooperative** Tunah Indas Farmers Cooperative

**Cooperative members:** 4000 smallholder farmers

**Location:** Bener Meriah - Takengon Aceh - North Sumatra

**Mountain:** Central Aceh Highlands

**Altitude:** 1300m

**Processing:** wet-hulled