

## Voodoo Cat Dark Roast Blend



It takes a special bean to be able to stand up to the rigors of the dark roast. Coffees should be from a high grown origin so that they have developed a dense structure that is able to stand up to high prolonged heat of the roaster. You also want a coffee that retains flavor and body. As the roasting process progresses into the darker roast range the natural sugars inside the coffee

bean start to dissipate and the very structure of the bean itself starts to break down and burn away. You start to lose the sometimes subtle flavors of a coffee's origin and start to pick up more flavors associated with dark roast coffees; carbony or smokey notes come through, bittersweet and pungent flavors start to dominate, and the body of the coffee can become thin and weak. Some high quality beans that are delicious at a light or medium roast can end up being overly bitter and burned tasting in darker roasts. It is also unfortunate that a lot of roasters use a dark roast to cover the inferior flavor of lower grade coffees.

I have a lot of requests for dark roast coffee, so I decided to put together a blend of beans that works well at dark roast levels. Like all offerings at Mean Cat Coffee, the Voodoo Cat Blend starts out with premium quality coffee Arabic beans that were chosen because of their ability to stand up to the rigors of darker roasts, all the while retaining flavor and body that can sometimes be lost. This blend has a little something from all over the world; coffees from African, South American, Central American, and Indonesian regions come together to produce a bold yet smooth dark roast coffee.

The Voodoo Cat Blend is offered in an Espresso Roast (default roast), or the darker French Roast. Both roasts have a slightly subdued acidity, a rich, full body, and beans that glisten with natural oils. In the Espresso Roast this blend has flavors of dark chocolate and a caramelize sugar reminiscent of molasses. The darker French Roast boasts a bold, smokey flavor and a lingering aftertaste.

**( \$7 ½ lb., \$14 lb.)**

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