



Susan Jaime

*Star Cupper for the Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA)
License Q Grader from Coffee Quality Institute
Roasters Guild Certification from the SCAA*



Susan Jaime's passion for coffee began in 1998. With her best friend Sylvia Vasquez, together they purchased coffee directly from small growers around the world, including the Juan Valdez organization in Colombia.

With their first purchase of two bags of 150 pounds of coffee beans they secured a local roaster and began selling their coffees to restaurants and Chefs. Soon thereafter, Susan began her studies at the Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA) and acquired several certifications to undertake the roasting of the beans herself.

Today, Susan and Sylvia own Quest Coffee International -- the producers of Ferra Coffee, a high-end brand of specialty coffees. The company also produces Cafecito, a brand specializing in Latin American coffees, and La Mission Du Cafe, a European style coffee. Quest Coffee also exports and imports green and roasted specialty coffees internationally.

BIO

In addition to roasting, Susan has shared her knowledge through teaching in several countries under the auspices of Texas A&M AgriLife projects. She has reached hundreds of coffee growers, instructing them on how to grade their coffees for quality, how to roast and cup their coffee, and how to secure placement and sell their products in the international market.

Furthermore, Susan's international work has led her to developing Q-Grading systems for Cacaos from Latin America. Her efforts will help growers test the quality of their products, improve their parcels, integrate organic and sustainable growing technologies, and help to sell their products to global markets.

Widely recognized for her expertise, Susan is routinely called upon to design coffee blends by top rated chefs and restaurateurs throughout the U.S. and Latin America.

2009

Ms. Jaime designs a proprietary bank of coffee profiles from around the world – used today by coffee growers to systematically prove their quality to potential buyers.

2010

Susan is secured as a consultant by the Boursing Institute to teach coffee growers in Guatemala about product quality processes and roasting. She is also invited to be a member of the prestigious culinary organization La Dames De Escoffier.

2012

Susan's company, Quest Coffee International, is the first U.S., minority and woman-owned company approved by the EXIM Bank of the USA for the international sales of coffees.

HIGH LIGHTS

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