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## INDIA NATURAL ROBUSTA AB, WATER POLISHED

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India is a country full of color: bowls of spices in brick-red and ochre shades in vivid market streets, turquoise water hitting golden beaches, and verdant volcanic mountains pervading picturesque flora. According to the legend, the saint Baba Budan stopped by at the seaport of Mokka in Yemen during his pilgrimage to Mecca in the early 17th century. He found a coffee tree, wrapped seven of the grains in his turban, and smuggled them to India. Once he arrived, he planted the beans in his garden near the evergreen mountains - and so the birthplace of coffee in India had arisen.

Today, India is in the top 10 coffee-producing countries, with around 70% of its production being Robusta. The country is well suited for the production of Robusta, given its lower altitude and climate. Such conditions paired with great care and attention, have successfully positioned Indian Robusta in the premium end of the market. Moreover, their coffee is typically graded with two different systems. One is by size and defect count and ranges from AAA, which are the big beans, down to AA, A, AB, and PB for peaberry beans. Typically, a larger bean size is associated with higher quality. The other one classifies all washed coffees as "Plantation coffees" naturals as "Cherry" and all washed Robustas as "Parchment".

This natural cup of Robusta was water-polished. After the coffees are picked, dried, and hulled as usual, they go through a chamber that uses steam to remove the remaining parchment and silverskin. Through friction, these get rubbed off the beans, leaving them cleaner and shinier.

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