

Nescafé Gold Blend Roastery Collection Dark Roast: Roast Is Not Strength

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Nescafé Gold Blend Roastery Collection Dark Roast: Roast Is Not Strength, in

summary: Dark roast is about flavour, not concentration. This 95g Roastery Collection jar is the rounder, heavier, less acidic half of a light-and-dark pair, made for milk and busy mornings; strength is still set by your spoon.

Last reviewed by the teas.co.uk team in September 2026.

Most instant jars are sold on adjectives, but this one is sold on a roast level, which is something that was actually done to the beans. The roaster's work is fixed long before the coffee is brewed and dried, so the gap between a light and a dark reading survives all the way into the granule.

Two dials that both get called strong

When people ask for a strong coffee they usually mean one of two separate things. One is roast colour: how dark the roaster took the beans. The other is concentration: how much coffee is in how much water, which with an instant is decided entirely by your teaspoon. A dark roast comes across bolder because it is heavier and more roast-led, not because the mug holds more coffee.

Keep the two apart and this jar becomes easy to use. Want more weight and cocoa-like depth? That is the dark roast doing its job. Want a more concentrated cup? Add coffee. Turning both up at once, a dark jar and a heaped spoon, is the usual route to a mug that is bitter without being satisfying.

What the dark reading is good at

More time in the roaster means more browning of the sugars and less of the bean's own brightness, so the cup is round, deep and very gentle in acidity. Roast flavour is forceful, and forceful flavours hold up: under milk, in hard-water areas, in a cup thrown together before the school run. This is the half of the Roastery Collection built for the way most households really drink instant.

Its partner, the light reading of the same house blend, keeps the brightness this one roasts away. Anyone who likes a sharp, fruity black coffee should pick that; this jar has had those notes taken out by design. The

ingredient list published for the dark jar is soluble coffee with 3% roast and ground coffee, naming none of the major allergens, though the current pack is always the one to check.

Making it well: water and a quick paste

Rest the kettle for about a minute so the water is near 90 degrees. That matters more with a dark roast than a light one, because a dark cup is already roast-led, and a boiling kettle tips rounded into burnt. Put the granules in the mug first, add a small splash of the hot water and stir to a smooth paste before filling up. Those few seconds of stirring prevent gritty specks at the bottom.

The 95g jar is a sensible size for a coffee sold on one specific roast: small enough to finish while it is fresh, and small enough to try side by side with the light reading without committing a cupboard to either. We think it suits anyone with a coffee machine who still wants a quick jar for rushed weekday mornings, and anyone who takes a proper splash of milk.

The packs we stock

- [Nescafe Gold Blend Roastery Collection Dark Roast Instant Coffee, 95g](#) (barcode 8445290044761)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Nescafe Gold Blend Roastery Collection Dark Roast Instant Coffee, 95g names none of the 14 major allergens. Before buying, check the Dark Roast jar on sale now; Nescafé can revise the recipe and allergen advice.

Ingredients, as published: Soluble Coffee, Roast and Ground Coffee (3%).

Ingredient and nutrition information for this product, as published on the manufacturer's label. Your Dark Roast jar has the final say.

What to eat with it

- [Thomas Fudge's 6 Dark Chocolate Florentines](#): Dark [chocolate](#) florentines beside a dark roast make a grown-up pairing for a black cup.
- [Lu Le Petit Cookie with Chunky Rich Chocolate Chips, 184g](#): Chunky, rich chocolate chips echo the cocoa note that a dark roast brings forward.
- [Maryland Cookies S'wich Choc Creme Biscuits, 150g](#): A chocolate sandwich biscuit with a creamy filling, well matched to a milky mug of dark roast.

Elsewhere in the Nescafé range

- [Nescafe Azera Americano Decaff Instant Coffee, 90g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Americano Instant Coffee, 140g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Americano Intense Instant Coffee with Finely Ground Beans, 140g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Decaf Americano Instant Coffee with Finely Ground Beans, 135g](#)
- [Nescafe Cappuccino Decaf Unsweetened Taste Instant Coffee Sachets, 7 Sachets 105g](#)

- [Nescafe Cappuccino Instant Coffee, 7 Sachets](#)

The full range is on the [Nescafé brand page](#).

FAQ

Is dark roast coffee stronger? Not in concentration. It tastes heavier and more roast-led, but how strong your mug is depends on how much coffee you use.

What water temperature suits a dark roast instant? Around 90 degrees, which is the kettle rested for about a minute. Boiling water turns the roast harsh.

Why is there grit at the bottom of my mug? Undissolved granules. Stir the coffee into a splash of hot water to make a paste first, then top up.

Dark Roast or Light Roast for milky coffee? Dark. Its roast weight carries through milk, while the bright notes of the light reading are easily lost under it.

What does the label list for the Dark Roast jar? The published ingredients are soluble coffee and roast and ground coffee (3%), naming none of the major allergens. Check the pack for the latest.

Curator's note: Buy it for the mornings when the milk goes in without measuring. It is the jar that still tastes of coffee afterwards, and that is exactly what it was roasted to do. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Nescafé Gold Blend Roastery Collection Dark Roast: Roast Is Not Strength

Field	Detail
Brand	Nescafé
Packs we stock	95g
Category	Instant Coffee
Allergens (as published)	Nescafé's published Dark Roast ingredients include no allergen from the major 14.
Caffeine	caffeinated
Roast	Dark: round, deep, very little acidity
Best with	Milk, or a dark chocolate biscuit
Water	Kettle rested for about a minute

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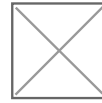
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