

Starbucks Single Origin Colombia for Nespresso: One Country in a Capsule

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Starbucks Single Origin Colombia for Nespresso: One Country in a Capsule, in summary: Coffee from Colombia alone, sealed into Nespresso Original capsules and roasted only to a medium depth so the origin still shows: nutty, soft caramel, a clean citrus lift and little bitterness. Brew it and drink it promptly.

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The word doing the work on this box is Colombia, because nearly every capsule beside it is a blend engineered to taste identical all year. Here Starbucks has let a single country carry the cup, and accepted that it may move a little from one harvest to the next.

What a blend protects, and what one origin reveals

Blending is a consistency tool. By combining coffees from several places, a roaster can keep a house flavour steady whatever a particular season delivers, which is why most capsules taste the same from box to box. A single origin surrenders that safety net. The coffee in these capsules is Colombian only, so nothing has been mixed in to smooth over its character, and it has to hold the cup up on its own.

The country name does not tell you precisely how the coffee will taste, because Colombia spans a great range of growing conditions. What it does promise is that the distinctive part has not been blended away. In this cup that means a nutty, soft-caramel middle with a clean citrus brightness running beneath it, and that brightness is the clearest clue that a single country, not a house recipe, is filling the cup.

Why the roast stops at medium

Roast character and origin character fight over the same ground. Take a single origin dark and the smoky, bitter notes of the roastery push out whatever made the country worth printing on the front. This one is held at a medium roast, with a medium, even body and low bitterness, so the fruit survives, the caramel stays soft and nothing dries the mouth on the finish.

You can see the difference before you taste it. As an espresso it pours a translucent reddish brown under a thin crema, where darker capsules pour close to black. Among the Starbucks Nespresso boxes it sits between the Blonde Espresso Roast at the light end and the Dark Espresso Roast at the other; the Breakfast Blend is also a medium roast, but, as its name says, a blend.

Machine fit, brewing and the right biscuit

The capsules belong to the Nespresso Original system and are made for it, not simply shaped to fit. Vertuo is a separate system whose machines read a barcode on their own capsules and accept nothing else, so confirm which machine is on the worktop before ordering. Run it as a short espresso and drink it straight away: the nutty aroma and citrus top note are the first things to fade, and within five minutes most of them have gone.

Food should be gentle too. A heavily [chocolate](#) biscuit would flatten a coffee this quiet, so we would reach for something lightly citrus or simple. A lemon drizzle biscuit mirrors the bright edge, a classic plain biscuit leaves the coffee in charge, and a small chocolate chip cookie suits the caramel side. Expect restraint rather than fireworks; that is the whole character of the box.

The packs we stock

- [Starbucks by Nespresso Single Origin Colombia Espresso Coffee, 10 Pods](#) (barcode 7613036961721)

What to eat with it

- [Border Lemon Drizzle Melts Organic Biscuits, 150g](#): Lemon drizzle picks up the citrus line running under the caramel without shouting over it.
- [Border Classic Biscuit Sharing Pack, 400g](#): A sharing pack of Border classics, simple enough to set out with a round of short espressos after a meal.
- [Maryland Minis Cookies - Choc Chip 6 Mini Bags, 118.8g](#): Mini bags of chocolate chip cookies suit the soft caramel side and match the size of a short espresso.

Elsewhere in the Starbucks range

- [Starbucks Americano House Blend By Nescafe Dolce Gusto, Coffee \(12 Servings\), 12 Pods](#)
- [Starbucks Blonde Espresso Roast by NESPRESSO Coffee, Blonde Roast, Box of 10, 53g](#)
- [Starbucks Breakfast Blend by Nespresso Medium Roast Coffee, 10 Capsules 56g](#)
- [Starbucks by Nescafé Dolce Gusto 12 x Madagascar Vanilla Macchiato Coffee \(6 Servings\)](#)
- [Starbucks by Nescafé Dolce Gusto 12 x White Mocha Coffee \(6 Servings\)](#)
- [Starbucks by Nespresso Blonde Espresso Roast Coffee, 10 Pods](#)

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

FAQ

Why choose a single origin over a blend? For character you can name. A blend is built to taste the same every year; a single origin such as this Colombia keeps its own citrus and caramel, and may shift slightly between harvests.

Is Starbucks Single Origin Colombia a dark roast? No. It is a medium roast, stopped there so the citrus and caramel of the origin are not buried under roast bitterness.

Will these capsules work in a Nespresso Vertuo? No. They belong to the Nespresso Original system, and Vertuo machines accept only their own barcoded capsules.

How is it different from Starbucks Dark Espresso Roast? As its name says, the Dark Espresso Roast is roasted darker. The Colombia is held at a medium roast, so it pours paler and keeps a clean citrus brightness with low bitterness.

How many espressos are in a box? Ten capsules, one espresso from each.

Curator's note: Pull it short and leave the sugar bowl alone; the citrus is a quiet note, and sugar is the first thing to hide it. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Starbucks Single Origin Colombia for Nespresso: One Country in a Capsule

Field	Detail
Brand	Starbucks
Packs we stock	10 Pods
Category	Coffee Pods & Capsules
Caffeine	caffeinated
Roast	Medium, so the origin shows
Best as	A short espresso, drunk straight away
Best with	A lemon biscuit or a simple plain one

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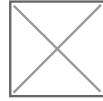
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