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Coffee Review Professional Services for Ataka Trading Company


Kenneth Davids Reviews: November 2009

- **Name:** India Balmaadi Bio-Dynamic **Lot number:** 637
- **Origin/Area:** India, Nilgiri **Estate:** Balmaadi Estate
- **Variety:** Kent **Process:** Washed **Crop:** 2009
- **Roast:** Evaluated at a medium roast (Agtron Whole Bean M-Basic 55).
- **Attribute scores**
 - Aroma 8
 - Acidity 7
 - Body 8
 - Flavor 7
 - Aftertaste 8

OVERALL RATING: 88

■ **Sensory assessment:**

Dense, deep-toned coffee. In the aroma pungently fragrant wood, hints of butter and milk chocolate. The aromatics simplify in the cup, but the structure remains impressive: heavy mouthfeel, good sweetness, with a round richness that carries into a long finish.



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Assessment Key

Attribute scores and ratings. Attribute scores (Aroma, Acidity, etc.) are assigned on a scale of 1 – 10, reflecting a judgment that considers intensity, quality and appropriateness to origin. Overall rating is on a scale of 50 – 100. Thus:

| Attribute score | Overall rating | Description |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 9 – 10 | 95 – 100 | Exceptional |
| 8 – 9 | 90 – 94 | Outstanding |
| 7 – 8 | 85 – 89 | Very Good |
| 6 – 7 | 80 – 84 | Good |
| 5 – 6 | 75 – 79 | Fair |
| 3 – 5 | 70 – 74 | Poor |
| 1 – 3 | <70 | Defective |

Roast level. Attribute scores and sensory assessment are based on a reading of the coffee at the indicated degree of roast. Readings may (but not always) be confirmed at a different degree of roast. Agtron Whole Bean M-Basic numbers are determined by Agtron M-Basic machine reading of the color of the roasted whole beans. Names assigned to degree of roast (medium, dark, etc.) are based on the Specialty Coffee Association of America nomenclature for the M-Basic or “Gourmet” Agtron Whole Bean M-Basic scale.