



Cacao of Excellence – 2025 Edition Results

South America

Announced 20 February 2026 at the Chocoa Trade Fair, Amsterdam

South America's results reflect performance within the 2025 Edition, based on blind technical and sensory assessment conducted over an 18-month evaluation period. Regional distinctions were presented on 20 February 2026 in Amsterdam.

Producers from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela were recognised.

Bronze – South America

- **Ricardo Lozada** (Venezuela)

Silver – South America

- **Comunidad El Carmen – Asociación de Recolectores de Cacao Silvestre Yuracare** (Bolivia)
- **Adela Santamaría** (Colombia)
- **Cooperativa Agraria APROCAM** (Peru)
- **Cooperativa Agraria APPROCAP LTDA** (Peru)
- **Cooperativa Agraria Norandino LTDA – Eduardo Espinoza Tamariz** (Peru)

Gold – South America

- **Comunidad Santa Rosa de Boca – Asociación de Recolectores de Cacao Silvestre Yuracare** (Bolivia)
- **Fazenda Santa Cruz Agricola Cantagalo Ltda.** (Brazil)
- **Gilmar Batista de Souza** (Brazil)
- **Leomar Silva Vieira** (Brazil)
- **A&D Sanchez Cocoa Export** (Ecuador)
- **Bean&Co Processing Beanprocessing S.A.** (Ecuador)
- **Costa Esmeraldas Cacao Co.** (Ecuador)

South America's recognised producers form part of the 2025 Edition's global cohort of 50 distinctions.