



Our collection center is located in the city of Vinces, in the Province of Los Rios, Ecuador, considered a national and historical reference in the production of fine aroma cacao. This center is key to guarantee the supply of cacao of origin, traceable and at fair prices, strengthening long-term relationships with our cacao farming allies in the area, thus ensuring their economic, social, and environmental development.



During this year we carried out a comprehensive renovation of the facilities and infrastructure of the storage center, with the aim of meeting the requirements of increasingly demanding international markets.



The continuous work and investment in the structure of our Collection Center demonstrates our commitment to a historical legacy of Ecuador as important as fine aroma cacao.

## SUSTAINABILITY PILLARS



- 1 We ensure economic income by guaranteeing the purchase of cacao.
- 2 On an annual average basis, we pay a differential price between 15% and 20% more per ton of cacao above market price.
- 3 Annual review of the sectorial census and appraisal assessment of farms through technical on-site visits.
- 4 Integral remodeling of the Collection Center through financial investment, with the objective of increasing the quantity and quality of cacao.



- 1 Vinces' cacao nib circularity analysis as part of our project to measure our carbon footprint, with the objective of evaluating opportunities that will allow our products to continue to reflect our sustainability philosophy.



- 1 Visits from República del Cacao's technical team, in order to verify processes and ensure production quality.
- 2 Value-added exchanges through visits from university institutional partners and internationally renowned professional chefs.



- 1 30% participation of women linked to farm processes.