### Cafe Fundamentals:

Unlocking Espresso's Hidden Sweetness

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# PART I: WHY WE EVANGELIZE ABOUT ESPRESSO (AND YOU SHOULD, TOO!)



### The First Principle of Espresso

### TRUE ESPRESSO IS SUPERIOR THAN EVEN THE BEST BREWED COFFEE

Done the right way, espresso will be sweeter (and creamier) than drip coffee can ever be.

The Goal: A beverage (True Espresso) that tastes like ground coffee smells.



### Corollary to the First Principle

Espresso is the MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT for cappuccinos and lattes.

Adding milk to bitter espresso simply results in a bitter cappuccino or latte.

A sweeter latte that needs little/no sugar must start with True Espresso.



# PART II: HOW ESPRESSO IS BOTH AN ART AND A SCIENCE



### The Second Principle of Espresso

ESPRESSO ISN'T JUST ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE COFFEE. IT'S BOTH A PROCESS AND A PRODUCT.



### Comparison: Extraction Parameters

#### Small Coffee vs Double Shot of Espresso

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Water Amount	12 oz	2 oz
Ground Coffee	14-18 grams	14-18 grams
Brewing Temperature	190-205 F	190-205 F
% Dissolved	18-22%	18-22%
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Grind Setting	Medium/Coarse	Fine
Water Pressure	1 bar	8-10 bars

**NOTE:** To produce a single shot of espresso, reduce the amount of ground coffee AND the amount of water. Aim for the same extraction time.

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# True Espresso Does NOT Look like Concentrated Drip Coffee





# TRUE ESPRESSO Oozes Out Like Molten Chocolate





### TRUE ESPRESSO Looks More Like This!





### PART II (continued):

Four Focal Points to Better Understand Espresso as both a Process \*and\* a Product



### Espresso Is a Process AND a Product

FOCAL POINT #1 (PROCESS):

ESPRESSO IS AN EMULSION



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### Pressure = Energy





### Espresso Is a Process AND a Product

FOCAL POINT #2 (PROCESS):

\*SLOW\* ESPRESSO = SWEET & DELICIOUS ESPRESSO



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# True Espresso: Aim for a Thin, Narrow Stream





# True Espresso: Aim for Some Hesitation in the Outflow





### Espresso Is a Process AND a Product

FOCAL POINT #3 (PROCESS):

LESS IS MORE



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### Stop at (or before) Two Ounces!





### Espresso Is a Process AND a Product

FOCAL POINT #4 (PRODUCT):

FOR SWEETER, CREAMIER ESPRESSO, LEAN INTO CREMA



### True Espresso: Nothing But Crema!





# True Espresso: One of These Tastes Sweet. The Other Tastes Bitter.







### Here's Why Crema Is a Game Changer

- Evidence of Oil Emulsification
- Alters Physical Properties of the Drink
- Attaches to Taste Buds
- Captures the Coffee Aroma



# PART III: WHAT ARE THE BEST CAFES DOING DIFFERENTLY?



### The Third Principle of Espresso

# DELICIOUS ESPRESSO DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT.



#### Four Areas of Excellence

- Owners/Manager
- Staff/Training
- Beans
- Equipment



### Owners/Managers: Do's and Don'ts

DO: Invest in beans, equipment and training.

DO: Be hands-on. Enforce a quality standard.

DO: Hire staff that takes pride in their work. You can't train attitude.

DON'T: Take shortcuts. Slow Espresso = Delicious (True) Espresso.



#### Baristas/Staff: Do's and Don'ts

DO: Train for consistency first. Quality shouldn't depend on which barista makes a customer's drink or whether the shop is busy or slow.

DON'T: View training and a quick- or even a one time- thing. Baristas may need 250-500 practice shots before serving customers.



#### Beans: Do's and Don'ts

DO: Be an informed buyer. Not all beans can produce True Espresso.

DON'T: Use beans roasted too dark.

DON'T: Rely on highly acidic origins.

DON'T: Use blends w/ five or more beans.



### Equipment: Do's and Don'ts

DO: Invest in a high-quality grinder. The machine costs 10x as much but the grinder is 10x more important.

DO: Invest in a filtration system that will reformulate your water content.

DO: Implement daily, weekly, and monthly maintenance regimens.

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### The Case for True Espresso

- #1: Espresso- when done well- can be sweeter and more delicious than drip coffee.
- #2: Cafes with good espresso are rarer than cafes with good brewed coffee.
- #3: Harder for your customers to make good espresso at home.

