



## LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT COFFEE EXPERTS

YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT JUST LIKE THE RICH, FAMOUS AND POWERFUL, YOU CAN HAVE A SPECIAL TASTER ENSURING THE QUALITY OF THE COFFEE YOU DRINK.

THAT'S BECAUSE TOP COFFEE PRODUCERS SUCH AS COMMUNITY COFFEE USE WHAT ARE KNOWN AS "CERTIFIED Q GRADERS" TO TASTE TEST THEIR BEVERAGE BEFORE THEY SELL IT TO YOU.

BECOMING CERTIFIED IS FAR FROM EASY, HOWEVER. THE COFFEE QUALITY INSTITUTE AND THE SPECIALTY COFFEE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA OFFER CLASSES AND TEST AND RETEST GRADERS EVERY THREE YEARS. THE Q GRADER LICENSE IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHEST CERTIFICATION A COFFEE CUPPER CAN RECEIVE IN THE COFFEE INDUSTRY. A PERSON MUST PASS RIGOROUS TESTING, INCLUDING A WRITTEN TEST PLUS "CUPPING" AND SENSORY EVALUATIONS.

ALL THAT TO MAKE SURE YOUR NEXT CUP OF COFFEE IS AS GREAT AS YOU EXPECT IT TO BE. YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT Q GRADERS AT [COFFEE-INSTITUTE--DOT--ORG](http://COFFEE-INSTITUTE--DOT--ORG) AND MORE ABOUT QUALITY COFFEE AT [COMMUNITY-COFFEE--DOT--COM](http://COMMUNITY-COFFEE--DOT--COM).