# A Brief History of Espresso

### 1884 Angelo Moriondo

created and patented the first "espresso machine." A large boiler that produced 1.5 bars of pressure pushing water through a large bed of coffee. A second boiler produced steam that flashed the bed of coffee, completing the brew.

### 1903

### Luigi Bezzera

found that adding steam pressure allowed a faster brew, which produced a stronger, more robust cup. Along with other innovations, he introduced the portafilter and multiple brew heads.

### 1905

### **Desiderio Pavoni**

bought Bezzera's patent for his machine, adding a steam wand and a pressure release valve among other improvements.

## 1946

### Achille Gaggia

invents the lever-driven espresso machine, increasing the pressure and standardizing the size of espresso. Oh, and he also coined the term "pulling a shot."

### 1966

**Alfred Peet** opens Peets coffee in Berkeley.





### 1961

### La Pavoni

develops the first electrical espresso machine for home use, the "Europiccola."

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### 1961

**Ernest Valente** invents the "Faema E61," which also boasts one of the first pumps. What is indisputable is that it is the first machine to use a heat exchanger. The use of both of these make the "Faema" one of the most influential coffee machines.



### 1950

**Nuova Simonelli** produces the "Selene" coffee machine, one of the first espresso machines to use a pump.

### 1971

**Starbucks** opens as a roaster.



First espresso-serving **Starbucks** shop opens. This lead to the birth of artisanal American espresso bars and nationwide chains (also known as the Second Wave coffee movement).



### Saeco

brings out the world's first superautomatic designed for home use.



### 1989

#### Acorto

sells the world's first commercial superautomatic machine.



### 1990

### Rancillio

1997

introduces the "Rocky" grinder, blurring the line between commercial and home grinders.



**Illy** develops Easy Serving Espresso (ESE) design and standards so people can use pods for brewing espresso.



**Rancilio** introduces the Silva, raising the bar in the home espresso machine market, and starts a trend towards better, more professional machines for the consumer.

### 2002 to Present

**Third Wave coffee movement** begins. Third Wave coffee is about moving away from corporate retailers like Starbucks and taking coffee to the next level. Some important features of the movement are considering the freshness, roast, grind and quality of the beans being used.

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