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JEREZ

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HISTORY

Jerez, a historic wine region dating back to the Phoenician era three millennia ago, has been renowned for its exceptional wines since ancient times. Sherry began to gain fame in Europe throughout the Middle Ages, and its various typologies were defined and consolidated over the centuries, positioning itself as one of the world's leading wine-producing areas, particularly since the 18th century.

Throughout its rich history, numerous wine styles have emerged, ranging from sweet to oxidative, and more recently, those crafted with the unique aging process under a layer of flor.

In the last 15 years, the so-called Vinos de Pasto, or white wines, have experienced a surge in international popularity, thanks to their ability to express the unique calcareous terroir of the region and their strong Atlantic influence. This phenomenon has sparked a resurgence in the Jerez region, attracting numerous international producers and revitalizing the wine landscape. This has led Jerez to begin reclaiming its splendor on the global wine stage through still wines.



MANUEL ANTONIO DE LA RIVA

Manuel Antonio de la Riva y Pomar was born in Ruiloba (Santander) in 1838. At the age of 20, he moved to Jerez and acquired an old winery, founded in 1776 by a relative who was a wine *almacenista* (storehouse), which boasted excellent ancient soleras that allowed him to establish his business with remarkable prestige from the outset.

Despite being a modest-sized company, it enjoyed great prestige and was closely linked to the vineyard, owning 53 hectares in Pago Macharnudo, the most prestigious area of Jerez, including Viña La Riva, Viña Sabel, and Viña Los Arcos.

Manuel Antonio was a fervent advocate for the interests of Jerez, proposing the creation of an entity that would fight for the prestige of Sherry and coordinate the efforts of its exporters.

In the early 1970s, the company was acquired by Pedro Domecq, during which time Luis Pérez joined as a winemaker. The winery gradually lost its identity within the Domecq framework until it was acquired in 2016 by Ramiro Ibañez and Willy Pérez (son of Luis Pérez), who set out to revitalize it and promote the wines of Jerez from this historic winery.

MANUEL ANTONIO DE LA RIVA Y POMAR



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RAMIRO & WILLY

Ramiro Ibañez and Willy Pérez are two renowned winemakers from the Jerez region. Both studied enology together and set out to revive the terroir-focused approach in the area's wines, an aspect that had been crucial in the region since Roman times. Since then, Ramiro, through Cota 45, and Willy, through Luis Pérez, have produced a wide range of vineyard plots and wine styles, from the coast in Sanlúcar to the area of the iconic Jerez pagos.

Together, they acquired De la Riva with the aim of producing Jerez wines with an approach closely tied to the vineyard, especially when it comes to white wines. Additionally, they have authored various publications on traditional Andalusian wines, including video documentaries and print formats, as well as speakers at numerous conferences on the organoleptic history of the region.



The Vineyard: Macharnudo

Macharnudo is a legendary *pago* dating back to 1269 that played a strategic role in controlling potential incursions into the city due to its elevation. Throughout the centuries, this area has sparked interest and rivalry among the most prestigious wineries, which recognized the quality of its lands for wine production.

From this plot, some of the most internationally acclaimed wines in Spanish history have emerged, having been chosen in 2022 as one of the 10 most important vineyards in the world according to Decanter magazine. It has been the home of De la Riva for two centuries, which sought from the beginning the purity of its calcareous soils classified since the 19th century as exceptional.



CLIMATE

Macharnudo is located in the heart of the Sherry Triangle (Cádiz, Andalucía, South Spain), with an average precipitation significantly affected by the Foehn effect, reaching 600 mm annually. On the other hand, the nearby Sierra de Cádiz, with almost 2,500 mm annually, is the rainiest place in Spain. The climate is of the Atlantic type, with a decisive influence from the ocean, which acts as the cold point of our region.

Located in the center of the Sherry Triangle, Macharnudo is a terroir that provides great balance and character on the palate. Moreover, thanks to the barajuela albariza soils present in the area, a prolonged and savory aftertaste is achieved in the wines produced in this vineyard.

The north slope of Macharnudo has a higher content of organic matter and moisture, which has historically made it very important for full body wines. The south slope, where San Cayetano is located, has been famous for white wines with a renowned savory after-



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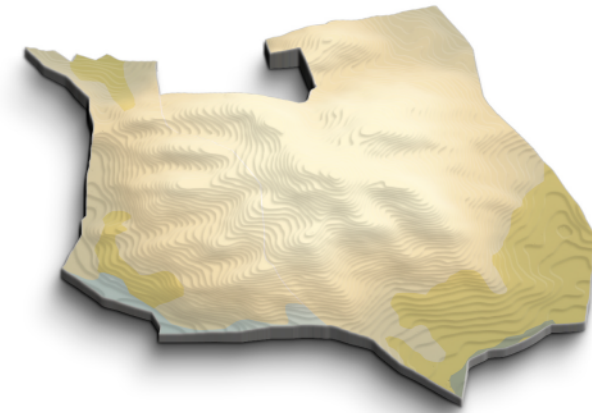
Although winter had a normal level of rainfall, the spring was quite dry, with very little precipitation. The summer continued with moderate dryness and slightly higher temperatures than usual. Finally the 2022 harvest has proven to be one of the great vintages of the decade in Jerez.

SOILS

The distinctive soils of the Jerez region took shape after alpine folding during the Tertiary period from the gradual precipitation of minute microorganisms. These biological skeletons, which include diatoms, foraminifera, radiolarians, sponge spicules and others, were deposited on the seafloor at a rate of as little as 3 mm every hundred years, accumulating to heights of 200-400 meters.

This biogenic soil was gradually transformed into hills by the action of tides and rainfall, giving rise to what we know today as Albarizas. This term, derived from the Latin "albus" meaning white, describes our soils which can be extremely rich in limestone. However, what really gives our soils an unequalled value is the high concentration of microfossils. These have an exceptional capacity to retain water and gradually release it to the plants during the summer.

Since 1771, the region has categorized its soils according to their quality in a system that includes sands, clays and, in the highest stratum, the Albarizas. However, there is an even more prestigious type of soil that surpasses the Albarizas: it is the Albariza de Barajuelas, a variety that constitutes only 2% of the land and can only be found in a few privileged areas, such as the pago de Macharnudo.



Marismas Bujeos Albariza




THE VINEYARD: MACHARNUDO - SAN CAYETANO

There are 23 plots in the Pago de Macharnudo. San Cayetano encompasses 15 hectares located on the southwest slope of the pago, famous for producing wines with a notable limestone intensity. This plot is maintained through regenerative and organic viticulture practices. With yields of 3 to 4 tons per hectare,

San Cayetano is a testament to the balance between nature and the history of Macharnudo. The soil of the property is 100% barajuelas albariza, a type of soil that significantly contributes to the quality and unique characteristics of its wines.





MACHARNUDO - SAN CAYETANO, es un vino de pasto (vino blanco), elaborado con uva 100% Palomino Fino de la mítica viña San Cayetano al sur del pago de Macharnudo.



2022 - 2023 RATINGS

De la riva has had a fantastic reception from the specialized media in recent years. Championing the white sherry movement, it has become one of the most desirable wineries in recent times among the most enthusiastic consumers.

Luis Gutierrez (Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate):

The unique and world-class Macharnudo Vino de Pasto has intensity, elegance, finesse, balance, concentration, freshness and acidity. It's salty, super tasty, with lots of everything and a long, citrusy and salty finish.

Pedro Ballesteros MW (Decanter)

A new, more approachable version of Jerez Palomino. Deliciously tempting nose of salt and sourdough that lures you into a full-bodied and mouthfilling wine that is bone dry and lean in the finish, with minerality and a touch of salinity in the mouth. Great new-generation Sherry, so indicative of origin

DECANTER

- Macharnudo La Riva 201998 Pts
- Macharnudo La Riva 2019Top 5 Wines in the world
- Macharnudo.....Top 10 Vineyards in the world

WINE ADVOCATE

- Macharnudo La Riva 201996 Pts
- Amontillado Superiorísimo MA.....98 Pts
- Manzanilla Pasada Miraflores Alta.....98 Pts
- Villamarta 2013.....98 Pts