



FERNANDO DE CASTILLA

Antique Oloroso

the growers

Bodegas Rey Fernando de Castilla was founded in 1837, purchased and revitalized in 1999 by Jan Pettersen (a Norwegian with 15 years at Osborne). Jan also took over the cellars of Jose Bustamante next door and quickly established Fernando de Castilla as one of the region's finest small, independent sherry houses. The company specializes in natural, unblended and unfinned products as supreme examples of the ancient winemaking traditions of the Jerez region. The Antique range of wines are intense and pure sherries, from a single solera that sees extended aging in the cellars. The vineyards (farmed without pesticides or herbicides) and winery are all located in Jerez, all sherries are estate bottled.

their land

Spain | Jerez

The DO Jerez-Xérès-Sherry was founded in 1933, Spain's first. It is situated in the province of Cadiz, where the wines are made in the traditional way, based on the Solera system of dynamic aging on butts (barrels). The best vineyard sites are on the famous 'albariza' soils, a white limestone marl; which are deep, with excellent water retaining properties. These are ideal conditions for vine cultivation since they are able to reserve the rainwater for the dry, hot summer months.

the wine

100% Palomino

Grapes are from older vines on the estate vineyard "Pago Balbaino" on white albariza soils containing 70-80% limestone. Aged in the Solera for an average of 20 years. Alcohol: 20%

Unlike Fino and Amontillado, Oloroso sherries are fortified at an earlier stage to suppress the development of the flor. Without the protection of the flor, Olorosos go under oxidative aging in their cask and therefore are darker and richer, especially with extended aging.

the press

95 points, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"The NV Antique Oloroso is open and expressive in the nose, with a predominant note of hazelnuts and varnished wood, a sweet touch of spices, brandy filled chocolates and orange rind. The perfectly balanced palate shows intense, clean, pure flavors and great length. 5,000 bottles produced yearly. Drink 2013-2016"

- Luis Gutierrez

