

Élite Oloroso

VARIETALS: Palomino Fino, Moscatel

ORIGIN: D.O. Jerez, Spain

SOLERA: Familia Páez Morilla de Sanlúcar, 35 years old

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 18.0% by Vol.

Tasting Notes: Full-bodied with mahogany color, this Sherry is very rich, medium sweet with aromas of roasted hazel nuts and toffee. It shows nice acidity and finishes very clean, inviting another sip. It has a depth of flavor and richness that makes it ideal for braising meat and game or for deglazing a pan for sauces. Try pairing it with roasted game birds or chicken, foie gras or with desserts such as almond or other nut-based cakes & cookies or crème brûlée.

Background: The company traces its origins to 1765 where it was based in Jerez de la Frontera, the heart of the sherry-producing region. The bodegas consisted of twelve cellars collectively known as “Los Doce Discípulos” – the “Twelve Disciples.” Of these twelve cellars, the principal cellar, Bodegas Dios Baco, named for the Roman god of wine Bacchus, was built in 1848. This is the foundation of the Sherries currently in production at Bodegas Dios Baco.

In 1992, the cellars and 40 hectares of traditional vineyards were purchased by the family firm Páez Morilla. After acquiring the property and the vineyards, José Páez Morilla oversaw renovation throughout the entire complex. Together with his daughter, Alejandra, their mission is to handcraft limited batches of Fino, Manzanilla, Amontillado, Oloroso, Cream and Pedro Ximénez Sherries that are more traditional and complex in style.

Vineyards: The Páez Morilla family owns 100 acres throughout the D.O. Jerez which is located in the south eastern corner of the country where the warm sea has a major influence on the regions. The climate in the area is hot and dry and is quite consistent, with 300 days of sunshine per year. The landscape consists of the famous white “albariza” soil, which is very high in calcium carbonate. This type of soil is able to soak up and conserve the rains from winter and spring. The combination of warm, dry weather and proximity to the sea create a unique ability to produce a variety of natural yeasts. It is these yeasts that form the basis of Sherry and set these wines apart from every other region of the world.

Vinification: After initial fermentation and examination of the flor that develops inside the barrels of still wine from the Palomino Fino grapes, a determination is made for each barrel whether it is to become Fino or Oloroso. The wines are then fortified 15%-17% alcohol and they become part of a solera. Fino remains pure palomino and great pains are taken to maintain its vigorous Flor. Oloroso has some sweet muscatel blended in. Fino ages a minimum of 5 years while Oloroso ages for at least 8. Manzanilla is a Fino whose aging takes place in the town of Sanlúcar de Barremeda. Amontillado is a Fino whose Flor has not held up and thus is fortified with more alcohol and sweetened. Cream is highly sweetened version of the Oloroso. Fractional blending takes equal amounts from the bottom barrels of the oldest wines and refills from barrels of younger wines above as the oldest wines are bottled. Pedro Ximénez begins by sun drying grapes prior to pressing. Once the must is fermented, they are then added to their own “PX” solera for aging.



“90 Points”- Dios Baco Élite Oloroso, *Wine Spectator*, June 2019

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