

Ramiro Ibáñez set out to revive lost traditions and express the unique terroir of Sanlúcar de Barrameda when he founded COTA 45 in 2012. Since then, he has made his name as one of the most respected winemakers in Andalucía, and joined with others to advocate for the quality of unfortified wines made with Palomino.



The wines of this release are the most limited and the most sought-after wines of COTA 45: **UBE Las Vegas de el Carrascal**, **UBE La Charanga de Maína**, and **Agostado Cortado**. El Carrascal and Maína are from tiny parcels at the furthest extremes of viticulture in Sanlúcar, intended to illustrate the incredible variety of expressions of Palomino that can come from variations in microclimate, altitude, and soil composition. Agostado Cortado is Ramiro's attempt to revive the ancient style of Palo Cortado using the nearly-extinct local varieties Perruno and Uva Rey. All three wines demonstrate the deep history and the exciting future of wine in Sanlúcar de Barrameda and the Marco de Jerez.





Berries harvested on the same day from different Pagos in Sanlúcar de Barrameda.
Las Vegas de el Carrascal on far left; La Charanga de Maína on far right.

The 2020 Vintage was very good in Sanlúcar de Barrameda, if a bit overshadowed by the exceptional yields and qualities of 2019. Compared to 2019, 2020 was wetter and cooler, with more humidity and lower yields. The late summer was warm and ripeness was easily achieved, but the wines are more delicate and, per Ramiro, introverted.

UBE Las Vegas - El Carrascal 2020

100% Palomino from the 0.7 hectare Las Vegas vineyard in the El Carrascal Pago. The vineyard is 5km from the ocean, and was planted in 1903 on very pure and delicate sandy *lentejuelas* albariza soils. Grapes were harvested by hand and pressed whole cluster in to old *botas* to ferment spontaneously without temperature control. After fermentation, the wine was racked into the same vessels and aged, partially under flor, before bottling. 12% ABV. 1,200 750ml & 30 1500ml bottles.

UBE La Charanga - Maína 2020

100% Palomino from the southernmost part of the La Charanga vineyard in the Maína Pago. The vineyard is 15km from the ocean on silicon- and clay-rich dense *barajuelas* albariza soils. Grapes were harvested by hand and pressed whole cluster in to old *botas* to ferment spontaneously without temperature control. After fermentation, the wine was racked into the same vessels and aged, partially under flor, before bottling. 12.5% ABV. 1,200 750ml & 30 1500ml bottles.

Agostado Cortado 2020

50% Perruno, 40% Uva Rey, and 10% Palomino from vineyards in Trubujena, ARcos de la Frontera and Chiclana, and Sanlúcar, respectively. Perruno and Uva Rey are old varieties that are particularly suited to oxidative winemaking (and Palo Cortado), as they do not allow the persistence of the veil of flor in the same way as Palomino. Grapes harvested by hand, pressed whole cluster into two old *botas* to spontaneously ferment without temperature control. After racking, the wine rests in the same *bota* for 3 years, with the first 6 months under a veil of flor. The 2+ years of oxidative concentrates the alcohol of the wine, lending some of the intensity typical of Palo Cortados. 13.5% ABV. 1,400 750ml & 30 1500ml bottles.



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