



M. ANTONIO DE LA RIVA PEDRO XIMENEZ VIEJISIMO SAN JOSE

ORIGIN

Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Andalucía, Spain.

VARIETIES

100% Pedro Ximénez.

VINEYARD

From the legendary San José vineyard (which was torn up in 1972) in the El Carrascal *pago*, located 5.5km off the Atlantic coast just south of Sanlúcar. The soils here are two types of Albariza soils: Lentejuelas and Lustrillo. Cool winds blow off the Atlantic, which helps keep the acidity high and adds a brightness to wines made from this site.

VINIFICATION METHOD

From the sole surviving bota of Pedro Ximénez from the extinct Bodega M. Garcia Monge de Sanlúcar de Barrameda. The last 112 liters of wine had been resting in the bota for decades after having been fortified to 15% (the long aging after fortification reduced the wine's final alcohol percentage).

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12%

Sugars: 565 g/L

Bottles Made: 300 375mls bottled in May 2019.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Renowned winemakers Willy Pérez & Ramiro Ibañez set out with the goal of connecting old soleras to their vineyards and have done just that with the revival of the **M. Antonio de la Riva** label for their project. In the early 20th century, the historic bodega was well known throughout the region and Bodegas de la Riva held 53 hectares in *Pago Macharnudo*, one of Jerez's most famous *pagos*. In the early '70s, M.A. de la Riva was sold to Domecq, who slowly dissolved the brand. When Willy and Ramiro were recently able to purchase a few rows in the *Pago Macharnudo* they decided to revive the long-admired De La Riva name in honor of its connection to the storied *Macharnudo* vineyard and in tribute to the traditional wines of its past. Ramiro and Willy, with inspiration from this ancient estate want to remake the reputation of contemporary sherry, reorienting towards specific vineyards and soil types, rather than cellar procedures or processes – embracing the complexity of Sherry's past, and reinterpreting its future. With these broad goals, Willy and Ramiro are open to bottling all kinds of traditionally made wines from El Marco de Jerez under the M.A. de la Riva label.