

BODEGAS ÁLVARO DOMECCQ

D.O. Jerez

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Year of foundation : 1999

Average annual production : 180.000 bottles



ÁLVARO DOMECCQ S.L.

Origin: In 1999 Álvaro Domeccq Romero acquires the former Bodegas de Pilar Aranda and starts selling its wines under the brand Álvaro Domeccq S.L. From the very beginning, the company designs a strategy based on producing and marketing products with seals of quality and aimed at differentiating themselves from the extensive offer in the market. To this end, it starts acquiring the best musts that its experts can select from the best bodegas within the Sherry sector. This must wine is aged in American oak casks following the traditional ageing system of soleras and criaderas, which consists in a controlled mix of similar wines but with different ageing periods. The incorporation of Avanteselecta in the summer of 2007 brings a completely new dimension to the project while also confirming the commitment towards quality.

Production area: The Denominations of Origin "Jerez-Xérès-Sherry" and "Manzanilla - Sanlúcar de Barrameda" cover a **winemaking region** that is limited by the Jerez Region, which is in the north-eastern corner of the province of Cádiz. However, the bodegas located in the municipalities of Jerez, Sanlúcar and Puerto Santa María can also age and sell wines under this denomination.

Variety: With regard to the **varieties**, there are only three white ones authorised by this denomination of origin: Palomino –the main variety–, Pedro Ximénez and Moscatel.

Proceso elaboración: Once the grapes have been harvested, they are taken to the wine-pressing facilities where it is unloaded onto the conveyor belts to eliminate the stalks, leaves and unsuitable clusters. After this stage, the grapes go through gentle-crushing machines to help open the fruit and then they are pressed lightly to obtain the free-run juice, generating an output of 70 litres per 100 kg of grapes. This must is usually destined to the making of Sherry and Manzanilla. A second pressing is mainly carried out to produce vinegar, and a third to make brandy.

The must obtained from the presses is transferred immediately to vertical stainless-steel vats, where the alcoholic fermentation takes place.

At Álvaro Domeccq, the wine rests according to its level of maturity. The casks are lined up in three or four levels, each one making up what is called a 'scale'. This dynamic ageing system was originally developed by the bodegas in Jerez.

Our wines: La Jaca Manzanilla, Aranda Cream, Alburejo Oloroso, La Janda Fino, 1730 Oloroso Vors, 1730 Pedro Ximenez, 1730 Palo Cortado, 1730 Amontillado, PX Viña 98, 1730 vinagre de Jerez Reserva, Vinagre de Familia, Veragua Reserva, Duque de Veragua.

VERAGUA RESERVA

OENOLOGIST: Ana Real

WINEMAKING

TYPE OF WINE: Brandy

WINEMAKING: The Holandas (substance used in the second distillation of brandy and then aged) with an alcohol content of 65% Vol. is diluted with water and concentrated must until it reaches an alcohol content of 38% Vol. It is subsequently aged in old American-oak casks with a capacity of 250 litres, which have previously contained Oloroso and Pedro Ximénez wines, following the traditional ageing system of Jerez, soleras and criaderas.

TASTING NOTE:

Dark mahogany colour with a bright appearance. On the nose, this brandy has a great aromatic intensity, with notes of wood and vanilla, as well as aromas of raisins and prunes. It is very intense on the palate, warm and smooth. It presents notes of raisins, vanilla and wood. It is a very persistent brandy on the palate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 38 % Vol.

HISTORY OF THE BODEGA

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PRESENTATION: 75 cl.

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