

# CALLEJUELA

## VINO BLANCO 'LAS MERCEDES'

### ORIGIN

Spain, Andalucía,  
Sanlúcar de Barrameda

### WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

White, with Palomino Fino

### SOIL

Albariza

### AGE OF VINES

TBA

### VITICULTURE

Sustainable

### VINIFICATION

The harvest is done before those of the fortified wines and pressed more delicately than those that will be fortified. This single vineyard, single variety Palomino is produced from the first grape selection from the Macharnudo pago and is fermented in ancient Manzanilla barrels where it sits, untouched, on the lees for seven months

With their boots dusted with albariza the humble and charming brother duo José 'Pepe' and Francisco 'Paco', more known as the Blanco Hermanos, founded Callejuela together with their father within their family home in 1998. During the mid two thousands they bottled their first sherry under their own label. What once started off with dos botas viejas have to this day transformed into something completely new. In the early takeoff the brothers began to trade their mosto with clients in exchange from used casks instead of cash – today reaching nearly 750 once in use. The holdings have over the years expand from 5 to 28 hectares spread over the chalky soils in southern Spain. Going from only producing base wine from own vineyards, selling to the neighboring up-scaled bodegas of Sanlúcar they are now established as the independent bottler and vigneron we know today.

In an area where the bigger majority of producers are buying base wines or grapes Callejuela's wines are born and raised from their own Palomino Fino vines. The hectares are divided over the famous Macharnudo vineyard (Jerez), Pago Añina (Jerez), La Callejuela vineyard (Sanlúcar) and Pago Hornillo (Sanlúcar). Being in the Sherry Triangles their engagement to the vineyard is quite rare, they know their lands like the back of their hands. According to themselves their origin is truly in the vineyards, heartily working the estate 365 days a year. To them the work in the field, and not leaving anything to chance, is the key to everything they do.

Their philosophy has always been to maintain the purest expression of the Palomino Fino grape. They orchestrate a longer hang time on the vines compared to neighboring bodegas (approximately +2 weeks), giving the grapes a golden opportunity to get more influences of the dry, crusted terroir transmitted. The outcome in bottles is an exciting contrast and range of true-to-heart sherries but also single-vineyard, single-vintage vinos tranquilos.

With sapidity Callejuela is showing one of the most zestful kaleidoscopes of Sherry flavor heritage and diverse new born fragrances that southern Spain has to offer. "Salt of the Earth" hard not to love unconditionally.

Las Mercedes is made from un-fortified Palomino must from their 8 ha plot in Añina located in the hills of Jerez. This 8ha Añina pago is the windiest most weathered vineyard with eastern raw exposure to the Levante winds. This creates a thicker, more tannic skin and richer, rounder textures.



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