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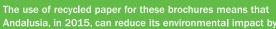
































RIBERA DEL ANDARAX Over the past few years 16 The Ribera del Andarax wine geographic designations in region lies in the middle section Andalusia have been awarded of the river of the same name. the right to use the traditional Most of the vineyards are situated Vinos de la Tierra label, with a at an altitude of between 700 level of quality certification which and 900 metres on clay, slate, lies somewhere between that of and sandstone soils. The common table wines and geographic designation covers 21 Denomination of Origin status. municipalities in the province of These production areas are Almeria and production has traditionally oriented to local traditionally concentrated on a markets and are linked to very unusual variety of edible family-based wineries, which grape, which is called the Ohanes. have introduced new varieties of grapes whilst modernising • Types of wines: Whites, Rosés and Reds. their vineyards. Their products have consolidated their position n the market for **medium quality**



wines, and are good value

for money.

DESIERTO DE ALMERÍA

• Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

Between the Sierra Nevada and

Sierra de Gádor lies an area on

wine industry. In addition to the

the upper reaches of the river

LAUJAR-ALPUJARRA

quality varieties.

and Reds.

This area is bordered by the Sierra de Alhamilla, the Sierra de Cabrera, and the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Nature Park. The vineyards are set out in Almeria's desert at an average height of approximately 525 metres above sea level. The geographical characteristics and the distinctive elements of the desert climate, with its hot days and cool nights, result in exceptional and unusual and Reds. varieties of wines.

Andarax with a rapidly expanding

typical local claret or rosé, research is being carried out with a view to production of other high

NORTE DE ALMERÍA

towns of Villaviciosa de Córdoba Velez Blanco and Velez Rubio. The white wines are fresh and acid, and rosés have a great fruit forward. Red wines are full bodied, and aged red wines are rich in alcohol with a moderate acidity. Types of wines: White, Rosé, Red and Aged Red.

CUMBRES DEL GUADALFEO very popular. • Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

ALTIPLANO DE SIERRA NEVADA

SIERRA DE LAS ESTANCIAS Y

This geographical designation covers the 26 municipalities of the Almanzora Valley. These wines are unique given the combination of the valley's floor, the high number of hours of sunshine per year (3000) and the altitude of the area (between 800 and 1,200 meters). Their body is rich, floral, with great intensity.

· Types of wines: White, Rosé, Red and Aged Red.

This designation covers a large part of the wine producing region of Cadiz, particularly the Jerez area and the Sierra de Cádiz. It amplifies the province's range of production, which has been traditionally dedicated to white wines, and varieties of reds are successfully being introduced into more mountainous areas. • Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

This designation includes wines from the whole province of Cordoba, and covers rosés and reds made with varieties of red · Types of wines: Rosés and Reds.

This designation refers to the white and sweet wines produced in the wine-growing region of

and Reds.

and Espiel. Authorized grape varieties under this designation are: Baladi, Verdejo, Muscat of Alexandria, Palomino Fino, Palomino, Pedro Ximenez, Airen, Calagraño Jaen and Torront. Types of wines: White and

The vineyards of this area cover the hillsides of the Sierra de la Contraviesa, overlooking the Mediterranean, and are notable for their considerable altitude. Rosé is the most traditional local product although a white wine made from the autochthonous Vigiriega variety of grape is also

This designation has led to the

revitalisation of the winemaking

industry in the areas of Baza, Huéscar and Guadix, and production is now based on high quality output. The designated area covers the north of the province of Granada and comprises 45 municipalities. • Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

ADERAS DEL GENIL

These vineyards are set at a high

altitude on slate soils in an area

with low rainfall which is affected

breezes. The combination of all

microclimate which is perfect for

the cultivation of vines and the

production of high quality natural

covers producers from the Valley

of Lecrín, the Vega, the Coast,

· Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

The typical wines from this area

are produced from Molinera de

Bailén red grapes, an autochtho-

and part of the Alhama area.

and Reds.

wines. The designated area

by the Mediterranean sea

these factors creates a

and Reds.

LOS PALACIOS

The production area is situated in the south-western corner of the province of Seville, in the Bajo Guadalquivir area. Its wines are produced from the Airén, Colombard and Sauvignon Blanc white grape varieties.

world. Situated near to La Mancha

of some 350 hectares.

SIERRA SUR DE JAÉN

The area's wine industry was

more predominant than olive

thriving as long ago as the 16th century, when vineyards were

groves in many municipalities. In

1526 Emperor Carlos V granted

Alcalá la Real the "wine privilege",

a document giving the municipality

the exclusive rights to sell the wine

from the Sierra Sur in the city of

Granada. 400 hectares of land

are currently dedicated to the

Types of wines: Whites and

This area's winemaking tradition

dates back to the Roman and

Arab periods, and during the 15th

century the wines from Torreperogil

were much revered in Castile.

Later the appearance of the

the 19th century led to the

phylloxera plague at the end of

decline of the industry, but it has

been gradually revived thanks to

· Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

the concerted efforts of both

growers and producers.

cultivation of vines.

the designated area covers an area

· Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

· Types of wines: Whites.

SIERRA NORTE DE SEVILLA

Seville's Sierra Norte has been traditionally renowned for its production of wine and liqueurs. During the 16th and 17th centuries, the most widely renowned wine from the province of Seville was produced in Cazalla de la Sierra. There is also evidence that the wines produced in the area were exported to South America.

 Types of wines: Whites, Rosés and Reds

ANDALUSIA AND ITS WINES The cultivation of vines in Andalusia goes back over many centuries and the region is renowned for the production of prestigious wines which are known the world over. Thanks to the growth in maritime trade, the 16th and 17th centuries were a period of particular growth.



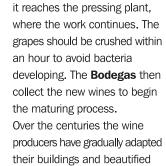
topography, geology and climate of Andalusia are all ideal for the cultivation of vines. The Mediterranean climate with all its different micro climates, the mild average temperatures (16°C), the lack of frosts and hailstorms, and the long hours of sunshine, combine with the contrasting altitudes and systems of maturing to create wines **of exceptional quality**, with a wide variety of types and characteristics. This focus on **high quality production** has remained right up until the present day and more than 70% of Andalusian vineyards are run under the auspices of one of the six Denominations of Origin which were set up and monitored by their respective Regulatory Councils: Condado de Huelva (1933), Jerez-Xérès-Sherry (1933),

Málaga (1933), Manzanilla de Sanlúcar (1964), Montilla-Moriles (1985), and Sierras de Málaga (2001). There are also **16** wines with geographic designation (Vinos de la Tierra) and a whole range of historic wines with no specific denomination which are none the less extremely popular such as the Tintilla from Rota, the Pajarete, the Moscatel from

Chipiona, or the Mosto from the Aljarafe... A whole Wine Culture has grown up around all these different varieties with numerous bodegas, specialised museums, and traditional fiestas...

VINEYARDS AND BODEGAS

The busiest time in the **vineyards** is at the end of August and beginning of September, when the **harvest** begins. Large numbers of workers are taken on to harvest the grapes just as they reach their optimum maturity, the collection going on from very early in the morning until midday, so that the fruit is as fresh as possible when



their bodegas to create an equilibrium between functionality and **aesthetics**. As such, the high ceilings and thick walls of the bodegas with their sandy soil floors which can be irrigated, maintain the ideal temperature and humidity for the successful maturing of fine wines. In the Jerez wine producing

area the bodegas are situated on the coast or on raised areas of ground so that the wines receive the morning sea breezes and the humid winds of the ocean. With the growth of wine tourism, numerous haciendas, estates and bodegas have opened their doors to the public. They offer **guided visits** and **tastings**, and some even organise equestrian or flamenco **shows** to complete a

WINE ROUTES

unique experience.

The Wine Routes in Andalusia are a perfect combination of the oenological, cultural, historical, and traditional aspects of the villages, towns, and areas they pass through.

A good example is the **Condado de Huelva Wine Route**, which, apart from the various bodegas, also allows visitors to take in the city walls and castle of Niebla, the "Columbus sites", the town of Moguer, birthplace of Nobel Prize winner Juan Ramón Jiménez, and the unmissable natural paradise of **Doñana**, whilst also enjoying the



rich **gastronomy**, with local produce such as ham, prawns, or strawberries. In 2007 the **Sherry and Jerez** Brandy routes were officially recognised as "Spanish Wine Routes". They pass by the bodegas, wine shops, hotels and restaurants, museums, and entertainment facilities of nine



Puerto de Santa María, Puerto Real and Chiclana de la Frontera. The Montilla-Moriles Wine Route passes through cities, towns and villages such as Aguilar de la Frontera, Córdoba, Fernán Núñez, La Rambla, Lucena, Montemayor, Montilla, Moriles and Puente Genil. There are also interesting and attractive pressing plants in the Sierra de Montilla surrounded by vineyards, where visitors can

including Sanlúcar de Barrameda

and Jerez de la Frontera with their

monuments, as well as Lebrija,

Trebujena, Chipiona, Rota, El

historic buildings and

actually sample wines directly from the vats. Finally, the **Costa del Sol** Tourist Board has set up a number of wine routes (www.visitacostadelsol.com) which pass through areas such as the Axarquía, Montes de Málaga, the Comarca Norte, the Serranía de Ronda and the western coastal zone. They take

visitors to sites such as the Roman remains of Torrox, the Fuente de Piedra Lagoon. O the Málaga Virgen Bodega, one of the few which carries out the harvesting of the grapes during the night.

WINE FIESTAS

Andalusia's festive calendar is full of wine related events, most of which take place in September during the harvest season. The year's first festivals however are held in May, and include Cordoba's Montilla-Moriles Wine Tasting Festival and the Manzanilla Wine Fair in Sanlúcar (Cadiz), a hospitable social event on the banks of the Guadalquivir. After the **Public Wine Tasting** in **Aguilar de la Frontera** (July), the month of **August** brings a vast array of colourful celebrations such as **Chipiona's Moscatel Festival** in Cadiz, which combines wine tasting with flamenco, as well as the **Grape Harvest Fair and** Festival in Villanueva del Ariscal (Seville), and the Night of Wine in Cómpeta (Malaga), both of which have been declared Events of

Tourist Interest. **September** is the most festive month and there are

a number of activities which have been declared Events of Tourist



nterest including Huelva's Royal Fair and the **Grape Harvest** Festivals of Condado (Palma del Condado) and Montilla (Cordoba), the latter featuring the Treading of the Grapes, the Flamenco Wine Tasting session, and the fiesta of wines and tapas. Other interesting events

Autumn or Grape Harvest Festival in Jerez, the Wine Tasting Festival in Moriles (Cordoba), and the Grape Harvest Festivals held in Bollullos par del Condado (Huelva), and Mollina and Manilva (both in Malaga). The **Mosto Festival** (Atajate) and **the Feria** dedicated to Mosto and Cured Ham Products (Colmenar) are both held at the end of the year.

WINE MUSEUMS

The "Misterio de Jerez" Wine Museum is situated in the wine producing region of Jerez and features fascinating documents and photographic material alongside impressive audiovisual presentations. Other interesting museums in the area include the **Barbadillo** Museum of Manzanilla in Sanlúcar, the unusual Garvey Bodegas **Museum of Wine Labels**, the **Gallery** inside the **Tradición Bodegas** (containing a collection of Spanish paintings by Joaquín Rivero), and the museums of the Sandeman, Harveys and Real Tesoro y Valdespino bodegas, all of which are in the city of Jerez de la Frontera (Cadiz).

Malaga's Wine Museum contains more than 400 historical exhibits arranged in different themes: bottle labels, advertising posters, barrel tops... Also in the province of Malaga are the wine museums of Ronda and Ojén, the Eco-museum and Pressing Plant of **Torrijos** and the museums in

the bodegas of Dimobe (Moclinejo) and Antigua Casa de Guardia (Olías). Cordoba's wines are well represented by the Mosto Winery and Museum in Moriles and the museum of the Toro Albalá **Bodegas** in Aguilar de la Frontera





· Types of wines: Whites, Rosés

Under this designation we find the wines produced in the

Villaviciosa, which covers the nous variety which is unique in the

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Denominations of Origin

Jerez-Xérès-Sherry DO

This regulatory council is the oldest in Spain. While the production area spreads over eight different municipalities in Cadiz and one in Seville, the maturing process is exclusively carried out in Jerez de la Frontera, El Puerto de Santa María and Sanlúcar de Barrameda. The grape varieties used for production include Palomino, Pedro Ximénez and Moscatel.

TYPES OF WINE: Fortified Wines (Fino, Amontillado, Oloroso and Palo Cortado), Fortified Liqueur wines (Pale Cream, Medium and Cream) and Natural Sweet Wines (Pedro Ximénez and

+ Information: www.sherry.org

DO Manzanilla de Sanlúcar

Although the production zone and grape varieties are the same as those of Sherry, the maturing process is limited to Sanlúcar. The special microclimatic conditions of the town, which is situated next to the mouth of the river Guadalquivir and just a stone's throw from Doñana, give the wines, matured under the velo de flor yeast, special characteristics which differentiate them from Sherry. TYPES OF WINE: Fortified Wines (Manzanilla).

+ Information: www.sherry.org

DO Montilla-Moriles

The special combination of the albariza chalky soils of Cordoba's southern plains, the climate, which is characterised by long dry summers and short winters, and the Pedro Ximénez grapes (which give their name to the most famous wine of the Denomination) is what makes these wines so unusual and unique. The wines are aged under velo de flor using the traditional criaderas and

TYPES OF WINE: Fortified wines (Fino, Amontillado, Oloroso, Palo Cortado), Fortified Liqueur Wines (Pale Dry, Pale Cream, Cream and Medium) and **Natural Sweet Wines** (Pedro Ximénez

+ Information: www.montilla-moriles.org

DO Condado de Huelva - DO Vino Naranja del Condado de Huelva

This denomination covers a wide area situated to the southeast of the province of Huelva, in the environs of the Doñana Nature Park. The vineyards occupy flat or slightly hilly terrain and the Zalema is the most common variety of grape.

TYPES OF WINE: White Wines (Condado de Huelva Joven, Condado de Huelva and Condado de Huelva Tradicional), Fortified wines (Condado Pálido and Condado Viejo), Fortified Liqueur wines (Pale Dry, Medium, Cream and Pale Cream) and **Aromatized White** Wines (orange wine).

+ Information: www.condadodehuelva.es

Classic denomination renowned for centuries for its sweet wines produced from Moscatel and Pedro Ximénez grapes. Geographically the area takes the form of an inverted T, with vineyards situated along the coastline to both the east and west of the city of Malaga,

TYPES OF WINE: Liqueur Wines (Natural Sweet, Maestro and Tierno wines) and Natural Sweet Wines.

+ Information: www.vinomalaga.com

DO Sierras de Málaga

Associated with the Regulatory Council of the Malaga Denomination of Origin, this is the only Andalusian denomination which encompasses reds and rosés produced from Romé, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Tempranillo grapes, and whites from the Chardonnay, Macabeo and Sauvignon Blanc varieties, amongst others.

TYPES OF WINE: Whites, Rosés and Reds. + Information: www.vinomalaga.com



