

Valdespino, VOS & VORS Collection,  
**Oloroso `Don Gonzalo` VOS NV**  
Jerez, Andalucia, Spain



## PRODUCER

Valdespino is one of the oldest bodegas in Jerez, with a history of Sherry production going back six centuries. Back in 1264, Alfonso Valdespino was one of 24 knights who fought against the invaders for the city of Jerez with King Alfonso X. As a reward for his efforts, he was given the land that formed the basis of the bodega. Today Valdespino belongs to the Estévez family, who purchased the bodega in 1999. They own 750 hectares of vineyards in Jerez, including the renowned 'Macharnudo' Pago. This vineyard ownership allows Valdespino very close control over grape quality. They are one of the few bodegas to make single-vineyard Sherries and are also renowned for their VOS (Very Old Sherry) with over 20 years of ageing and VORS (Very Old Rare Sherry) with over 30 years of ageing.

## VINEYARDS

The vineyard is located in Jerez. The white 'albariza' soil is typical of the region, and comes from a layer of earth rich in marine fossils. Thanks to the high content of calcic carbonate, its clayey texture does not split; it is soft when wet and absorbs rain like a sponge, and when it dries out it forms a layer that holds in the water, preventing evaporation. This reserve of moisture encourages the vine roots to develop, some reaching to more than four metres depth, allowing them to use this water reserve when needed.

## VINIFICATION

Fermentation takes place in 600 litre American oak barrels. Once fermentation is finished, when 13% alcohol is reached, the Oloroso is then it is fortified to 18%, and allowed to age 100% oxidatively. It is aged and fractionally blended in a solera system, where the wine increases in strength through a process of concentration and evaporation. The finished wine has a average age of over 20 years.

## TASTING NOTES

Mahogany coloured. Aromas and flavours of caramel, toasted almonds and dried apricots. Very expressive and complex. Good acidity, and a very long persistent finish.

## AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2022, Silver  
Decanter World Wine Awards 2021, Silver Medal  
International Wine Challenge 2021, Silver

Grape Varieties	<b>100% Palomino</b>
Winemaker	<b>Victoria Frutos</b>
Closure	<b>Agglomerated Cork</b>
ABV	<b>21%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>9g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>6.5g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.2</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>50cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>