

JUAN PINERO

GREAT DUKE PALO CORTADO

ORIGIN -

Sanlúcar de Barrameda

STYLE

Palo Cortado

VINIFICATION

Briefly under flor, then fortified to 17% to age oxidatively

AGE

12 years aging in solera, briefly under flor

VINEYARD

Pago de Hornillo

GRAPES

PALOMINO FINO

SERVING TEMP

Cellar Temp



Until recently, Juan Piñero was an *almacenista*. Most of his wines were bought from La Gitana and Argüeso to enrich and widen their soleras. In June 2013, the company started its own label and a first Manzanilla was bottled: Manzanilla Maruja.

This brand already existed and was owned by the Bodegas De Terry (who turned the Fino Maruja into Manzanilla Maruja by moving the soleras) and later Pedro Romero. About 25 years ago, Juan Piñero bought a bodega La Playilla de la Red (in a prime location of Sanlúcar near the Guadalquivir), including the existing soles. After the expropriation o of Rumasa, he also bought the rights to the brand Maruja. He decided to use this famous brand for the Manzanilla he just bought. More recently they also acquired a bodega in Jerez to house the solera of Fino Camborio and some Oloroso wines, now partly sold off to Peter Sisek.