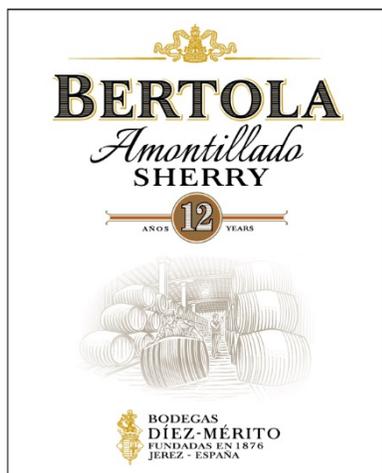


# Bertola Amontillado 12 Years Old NV (Sherry Wine)



Bodegas Diez Mérito produces Sherry wines in a traditional system of soleras and criaderas, Brandy de Jerez, traditional vinegar and other spirits in their two historic bodegas, El Cuadro and Bertemati, in Jerez. Their holdings encompass over 500 acres of vines between 3 main vineyards, *Viña El Caribe* (in the historic pago of Añina), *Viña El Diablo* and *Viña las Mezquitillas*, mostly on the typical, chalky, albariza soil and all rated Jerez Superior.

The Bertola brand dates to 1876 when two brothers, Manuel and Salvador Díez y Pérez de Muñoz, started a wine producing business. In 1892 another brother, Francisco, joined the company and its name was changed to Diez Hermanos. The following year, the winery was granted the honorary title of “Supplier to the Royal Family” by His Majesty King Alfonso XII, allowing them to use the Royal Coat of Arms on labels and invoices.

In 1961, the Díez Lacave brothers, direct descendants of the founding partners, acquired the “Marqués del Mérito” bodegas and in 1979 they merged with “Díez Hermanos” to form the DÍEZ-MÉRITO group.

<b>Appellation</b>	Jerez - Xeres - Sherry D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Palomino
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	40 meters / white, lime-rich <i>albariza</i> soil
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Traditional methods, Vegan
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested
<b>Production</b>	Pressed, fermented to dryness and then fortified to 15% alcohol
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 5 years under a layer of flor, fortified again and then aged for a further 9 years
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8410051070754 / 28410051070758 / 6

## Reviews:

“Walnut, salty snap and chamomile on the finish. Youthful energy but showing its age as well. Great showing and great length!” **95 points** *International Wine Challenge*; Gold Winner 2018

“Fresh and open in feel, with notes of date, salted caramel, green tea, hazelnut and singed orange peel. Reveals a flattering echo of sweetness in the background but remains firmly on the dry side. Drink now. 1,525 cases made, 100 cases imported.” **92 points** *Wine Spectator*; August 2020

“Salty and nutty with dry, chewy fruit, raisined and savoury with great concentration and a good amount of persistence. Dry and vibrant.” **16.5/20 points** *JancisRobinson.com*; Richard Hemming MW, September 2015

“As a medium-aged Amontillado this should pair well with mackerel or tuna, or with poultry dishes. Nose: Full-bodied, very nutty (beurre noisette, roasted hazelnut), then some nice wild flower honey, blood oranges and caramel. Vanilla, light hints of dried apricots and furniture polish. Quite a rounded, toffeed Amontillado, the minerality and coastal notes are still there but in the background. Mouth: Fairly high acidity, with more saline notes now. Still plenty of nutty notes (walnuts, hazelnuts) and earthy touches. A hint of peppery oak, honey. Long, warm finish with hints of chamomile and a bit of spicy heat. Summary: A really nice medium-aged Amontillado, with lots of round, nutty notes on the nose and a good mix of acidity, caramel and oak on the palate. Worth checking out.” **4 Stars** *Sherry Notes*; Ruben Luyten, August 2017

