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## JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA: CULTURE – WINE AND WINERY Anežka Kolísková 9.A

The city of Jerez de la Frontera is located in the region of Andalusia in the south of Spain and is famous for its distinctive and internationally recognized wines - **Jerez wines**. Sherry (jerez) is made from **white grapes** that are grown near the city of Jerez de la Frontera in Andalusia, Spain. This corner of the world offers a fascinating journey the art of **winemaking**.



Jerez wines, often referred to as "sherry" in English,

have an history dating back to the days of the **Phoenicians** and **Romans**, who knew the characteristics of the **local grapes**. These wines are characterized by diversity, from dry and fresh to rich and complex. The Jerez wine region is also famous for its **sweet wines**, especially the juicy Pedro Ximénez and Moscatel varieties.



One of the characteristic features of Jerez wines is the **hot and dry climate** of the region and the **influence of the Atlantic Ocean** contribute to the distinct taste and aroma of Jerez wines. The result is a taste that, depending on the type of wine, can range from **nutty** and **salty** to **sweet** and **raisiny**. Wineries are an example of the combination of tradition and innovation, where centuriesold practices are preserved and modern

winemaking techniques are used at the same time.

A visit to a winery in Jerez is **a trip back in time**, as many of these buildings have beautiful historical architecture. Wineries are often **family-run** and their doors are open to visitors who want to explore the world of winemaking in Jerez. Famous wine cellars include, for example, **Tío Pepe**, Bodegas Lustau, Gonzalez Byass and Bodegas Tradición.



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A typical visit to a Jerez winery includes **a guided tour of the vineyards**, **cellars and tasting rooms**. Visitors have the opportunity to see **the rows of casks**, often containing centuries-old sherry. These barrels are filled with the native grape varieties of the region, Palomino, Pedro Ximénez and Moscatel, each contributing to the flavor and style of Jerez wines.

Jerez wineries also often host

**flamenco performances**, another iconic element of Andalusian culture that enhances the overall experience. This musical and visual performance serves as a live accompaniment to the wine tasting.

A visit to the Jerez wine region is not only a journey through the world of wines, but also a cultural experience of southern Spain. **The art of winemaking is linked to the history and traditions of the region**, and wine cellars offer an opportunity to appreciate this rich heritage. The wines themselves, with their flavors and styles, reflect the essence of Jerez and continue to captivate wine lovers from around the world.





