PIEDRA LUENGA ORGANIC OLOROSO. NV. BODEGAS ROBLES. MONTILLA-MORILES.

VARIETAL: 100% Pedro Ximénez

STYLE: Fortified.

VINIFICATION: Fermentation with native yeasts.

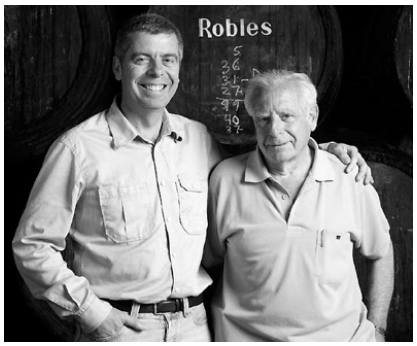
AGING: 6 years in American oak.

TASTING NOTES: Intense mahogany color. Strong, well-balanced nose of green apple, hay and incense. Smooth palate with good balance of delicate sweetness with fresh, dry notes. Excellent alone or with dishes that include figs, dates, soy sauce or curry.

FORMAT: Available in etched, re-usable glass bottles and BIB. Consumers and restaurants can re-fill their bottles, reducing packaging waste and shipping weight.

The Robles Family has been producing wine in Montilla-Moriles for three generations. The current generation began the first ever production of organic fortified wines in 1999 and now offers the only full range, from Fino to Pedro Ximénez, in the world.

Not satisfied with simply being organic, they track their carbon footprint, looking for ways to reduce it. They recently made a move to a covered composting method, after learning that their open bins had a higher environmental impact. Additionally, the organic line of wines is sold in beautifully etched, re-usable glass bottles, cutting down on the environmental impact by reducing packaging waste and shipping weight.

They seek to enrich their community as well as the natural world with their “Follow Your Strain” program, which allows laypeople to track the progress of an individual vine online. Followers are invited to visit the vineyard to assist in pruning, topping, and even harvest. This allows participants to develop a relationship with the natural world while also being educated about organic farming practices and the role of a healthy ecosystem in the production of good wine.

Bodegas Robles calls their vines “godmothers,” teaching the “principles of agriculture and the virtue of patience.” The culmination of 75 years of family effort, their award winning wines are a true expression of the place, its history and the community who continues to make them.