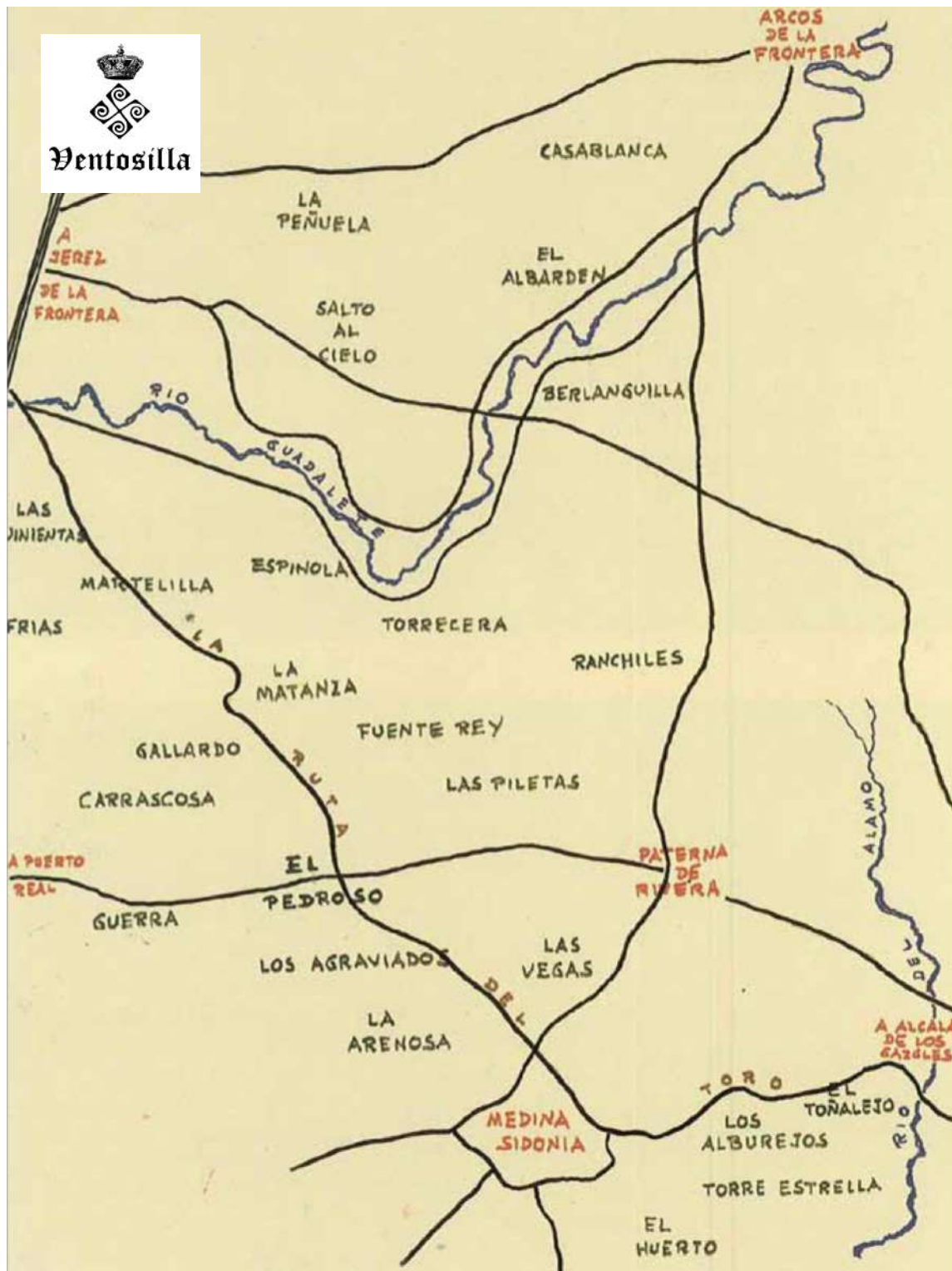




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Driven Wild Partridges in Jerez

Shooting partridges in Jerez has always been the epitome of partridge shooting in Spain. Admittedly, there used to be a number of other regions where breeding and shooting wild partridge was an integral part of the rural life but, undoubtedly, Jerez was the Mecca of the sport. There were a number of reasons for that. Weather, very volatile but normally warm, the concentration of suitable farms, the affluence of its social elites, mostly in the business of wine and agriculture and probably the British cultural influence derived from the commercial links of its Sherry industry.



Now the houses are still there, mostly not grandiose, as the “palaces” where in town, but very beautiful in their own Andalusian way. Also the shooting customs, the horses, the bulls, the flamenco, the food and, of course, the weather, remain untouched (only, maybe a little warmer and normally dryer in the last decades).

But the main attraction of wild partridge shooting in Jerez is undoubtedly the quality of the bird. Despite the high levels of excellence achieved in the released-partridge industry in Spain, the wild partridge is undoubtedly superior, and in Jerez, particularly in some farms, this difference is extraordinary. I would summarize it by saying that “you remember almost every bird you shoot”. Admittedly this goes in inverse proportion to the total number of birds shot in a day, but, very much like grouse, a 400 or 500 bird day is as fun, as sportive and as exclusive as any real “aficionado” would desire.



The Spanish red legged partridge is considered by many as the most sporty bird in the world. It is a beautiful bird with the morphological characteristics to make it a fast flying and changing species. The speed and height of the red legged partridge depend to a large extent on the characteristics of the terrain and the direction of the wind.

With us we guarantee the most beautiful and sporting driven shoots that you could find in Spain.



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Jerez is a very rich and beautiful country side with vineyards, olive groves, sowing's lands, bush and forest. Thanks to this richness, every drive is different from the other, but all of them having in common its excellence. The undulating and hilly ground contributes to some very testing partridges but it also has the variety to suit all abilities of marksmanship.

Partridges in Jerez have an impressive flight; you will be able to verify if you decide to come. They flight superbly.

As I said before the topography, the wildness of the partridges and the wind, produces a great variety of drives which show fast challenging partridges helping to ensure a top quality day of partridge shooting.



The Lodge

There are nine extremely comfortable rooms. All are decorated subtly in pale earth colors which reflect the hills of the huge estate behind the house. Here and there is a reminder that the property still belongs to the family; a photograph, an antique chest of drawers, a painting or embroidery.

Upstairs, the rooms have steeply beamed roofs, and all the bathrooms in the house have delicately veined white marble surrounds, painted wooden paneled dados, and large shower roses (with decent water-pressure behind them!)



There is a self-service bar, so you may refresh yourself whenever you wish, and breakfast consists of cereals, eggs scrambled with olive oil, crispy bacon, toast or croissants, home-made jams, country honey and tea or coffee.

Concealed in a dense arboreal garden of palms, cypresses, myrtle, bay and lentiscs, lies a secret world, the world of Casa Alcántara, an exclusive accommodation only 10 minutes from Jerez airport, Cadiz, Andalucía..

