

Finca la Cuesta 2009

2009
luna beberide
Mencia
" finca la cuesta "



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide

Region: Bierzo D.O.

Grapes: 100% Mencia

Winery: Alejandro Luna is the owner of this moderately sized estate. Born in Ponferrada he spent 10 year from the age of 16 to 26 in Madrid studying toward his Bachelor's and Law degrees. After finishing his academic work, he came to work as director for the family winery in 2001 which was started in 1987. The philosophy of the winery is to produce wines based on quality of and respect for the land, primarily from native grapes along with grapes from other parts of the world. 70 hectares of vines are planted between 450 and 900 meters, on south facing slopes in calcerous clay or decomposed slate.

Vines range in age from 20 years for foreign grapes to 60 years

for Mencia. 5 Hectare are used for experimental vineyards looking at how foreign grapes take to Bierzo's climate; they are planted with about 30 varieties including Riesling, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Macabeo, Albariño and Sauvignon Blanc. No herbicides or pesticides are used on the vineyards.

Wine: Fruit for this wine is sourced from a single steeply-sloped, south-facing vineyard in Villafranca de Bierzo. The vineyard is between 700-800 meters in elevation and is planted to 60 year old vine Mencia. The soils are comprised of Bierzo's two main soil types, decomposed slate and limestone based clay. Following fermentation with native yeasts in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, the wine was aged for 12 months in 100% French oak barrels, new and 1 year old. Bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

"The 2009 Finca La Cuesta came from a single 60-year-old vineyard planted on slate. It was fermented with native yeasts and aged for 12 months in French oak, some of it new. It emits a pleasing perfume of violets, cedar, balsamic, mineral, and black raspberry leading to a racy, elegant, pleasure-bent red that should drink well for another 5 years."

91 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

"From a hillside vineyard of granite and clay soils, this mencia delivers deep red fruit flavors that sweeten its substantial minerality, all carried by smooth tannins." **Best Buy**

91 points *Wine & Spirits* October 2011

"Smoky, floral aromas of black raspberry and violet are enlivened by a zesty mineral nuance. Elegant, focused flavors of sweet dark berries, candied flowers and spicecake are supported by silky tannins. Finishes racy and long, with lingering smokiness."

90 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 158 Sept/Oct 2011



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