

Luna Beberide Art 2006



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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: Made from a selection of the best Mencia from south facing vineyards between 700 and 900 meters in elevation. The vines are over 60 years old, yielding 25 Hectoliters per hectare and are grown in calcerous clay and decomposed slate along with abundant mother rock. Grapes were harvested the 4th week of September. Grapes were hand harvested and sorted prior to destemming and fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“The 2006 Art is 100% Mencia sourced from low yielding 60+-year-old vines. It was fermented with native yeasts and aged for 18 months in French oak before bottling without filtration. On the nose it displays a roasted compote character along with complex spice and herb notes. Velvety-textured on the palate with considerable depth as well as finesse, this offering is all about pleasure. It can be enjoyed now but will certainly develop additional nuance with another 2-3 years of bottle age.”

93 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Bright ruby. Seductive, expressive aromas of redcurrant, black raspberry, licorice, graphite and spicy oak. Dense, sappy and sweet but with deftly integrated acidity lifting the deep flavors of red berry preserves, tobacco, mocha and star anise. Finishes broad, sweet and very long, with fine-grained tannins thoroughly buffered by the wine's densely packed fruit. This boasts serious concentration without any undue weight and is balanced for cellaring.”

92 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 152 Sept/Oct 2010



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