

Luna Beberide Art 2009



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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 variet-

ies 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 best Mencia from south facing vineyards planted between 800 and 900 meters in elevation. The vines are between 70 and 80 years old, yielding 25 Hectoliters per hectare and are grown in decomposed slate along with abundant mother rock. Grapes were harvested the 1st week of October. Grapes were hand harvested and sorted prior to destemming and fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged for 1 year in French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“It exhibits a multi-dimensional perfume of sandalwood, balsamic, lavender, incense, and black raspberry that fills the room. In the glass it is velvety-textured, round, rich, and full-flavored. Beautifully proportioned, it has all the right stuff to evolve for another 3-4 years and provide great pleasure through 2024 if not longer.”

94 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

“Bright purple. Pungent aromas of cherry-cola, cassis, licorice and minerals. Voluptuous, ripe and powerful; alluringly sweet dark fruit and floral pastille flavors show impressive depth, with a strong mineral quality giving spine to the wine. Plays richness off vivacity and finishes with firm but harmonious tannins and excellent length. No way I'd be opening one of these for at least a few more years.”

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



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