

Luna Beberide Godello 2010



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide

Region: Bierzo D.O.

Grapes: 100% Godello

Winery: Alejandro Luna is the owner of this moderately sized estate. Born in Ponferrada he spent 10 years, from the age of 16 to the age of 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. 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. 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.

Wine: Produced from 60 year old vineyards, which were propagated as a clonal selection of best vineyard plots of Godello within Bierzo. Soils are a combination of calcerous clay and decomposed slate. The vineyard is located between 600 and 750 meters of elevation. Grapes were hand harvested prior to overnight skin contact. The pressed must sees fermentation in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures (12-15° C). Following fermentation the wine is aged for 3 months on fine lees prior to bottling.

Reviews:

“The latest releases include one white wine, the 2010 Godello produced from 60-year-old vineyards. It was fermented and aged sur lie for 2 months prior to bottling. Mineral, melon, and floral notes lead to a vibrant, nearly shimmering Godello that boasts excellent depth and concentration. Impeccably balanced and lengthy, this superb value should provide prime drinking for another 4-5 years.”

“Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide is an excellent source of value-priced wines from the increasingly fashionable DO of Bierzo.”

91 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

“Pale yellow. Mineral-accented pear and tangerine aromas are enlivened by white pepper and white flowers. Refreshingly bitter citrus pith and quince flavors gain depth with air, picking up a pit fruit note. Uncompromising in a positive way. The taut, linear finish offers impressive verve, spiciness and persistence.”

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



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