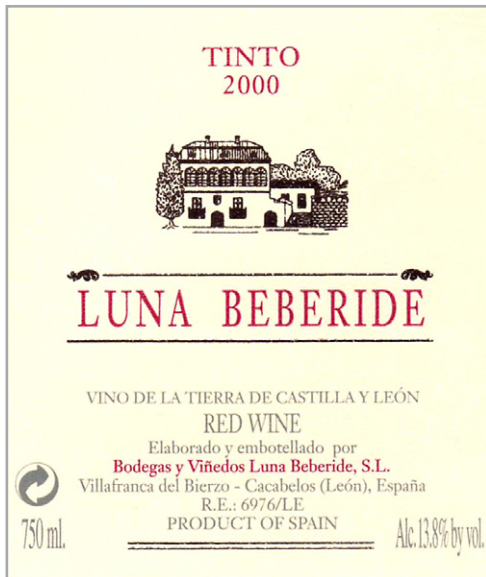


# Luna Beberide Tinto 2000



**Winery:** Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide

**Region:** Bierzo - VdT de Castilla y Leon

**Grapes:** 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 30% Mencia

**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 using only native yeast from vineyards yielding 20-25 hectoliters/hectare, the wine was aged for 26 months in 80% New French oak and 20% American oak barrels from the finest tonnelieres (Radoux, Renou, Seguin Moreau, Taransaud, Canton, Victoria, Jaques Garnier y Demptos). After the wine was aged in the barrel it was fined using egg whites prior to bottling. No filtration or stabilization.

## Reviews:

“Pungently spicy aromas of red and dark berries, cherry, plum and espresso. Zesty red fruit flavors are tinged by white pepper and minerals, with fine-grained tannins and gentle acidity providing spine and focus. Delicate spice notes on the finish add interest to this suave, tasty midweight.”

**90 points** *International Wine Cellar* issue 128 Sept/Oct '06

“Massive yet proportional, with olive, rubber and ripe black fruit on the manly bouquet. The palate is ponderous but tasty, with a huge dose of syrupy berry and black-plum flavors. Ripe as all get out, with firm tannins. To call it a powerhouse would be taking things lightly.”

**90 points** *Wine Enthusiast* April '06

“This Spanish gem offers multilayered aromas and flavors cherry and dark berry fruit, with echoes of dark chocolate, leather, dried herbs, and much more. Complete and so extremely satisfying, it should drink well for a good decade more, and is well worth buying now to save for a special occasion to come.”

**93 points** *Wine Review Online* April 26, '06



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