

Los Cerezales 2009



Winery: Pago de ValdeTruchas

Region: Bierzo D.O.

Grapes: 100% Mencia

Winery: The winery is a joint project between Alejandro Luna and his extended family composed of his uncle and a cousin. The vineyards are estate owned and are located in Villafranca de Bierzo. The vineyards are 500-650 m above sea level and are composed of calcareous clay, sand and slate.

Wine: Produced from a single 75 year old vineyard located 750 meters above sea level with calcareous clay and large sub-surface stones (slate). Grapes were hand harvested and fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. Following alcoholic fermentation, 50% of the wine underwent malolac-

tic fermentation in tank while the other 50% completed ML in new French oak barrels. Once ML finished all of the wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels prior to bottling.

Reviews:

“Deep ruby. Powerful aromas of bitter cherry and licorice, with mineral and cracked pepper accents. Refreshingly bitter on the palate, with flavors of cherry pit and cassis, anise and peppery spices. A zesty mineral note adds lift to a long, focused and gently tannic finish.”

90 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 164 Sept/Oct 2012

“The 2009 Los Cerezales is also 100% Mencia sourced from a single, 75-year-old vineyard that was aged for 11 months in French oak. More complex, richer, and with greater volume than its unoaked sibling, it is likely to blossom for another 1-2 years but can be approached now. It is an outstanding value.”

90 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

“This red is supple but intense, with forceful smoke and mineral notes framing a core of black cherry and plum. Anise and herbal accents fill out the picture. Drink now through 2018.”

90 points *Wine Spectator* November 15, 2011



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