

Luna Beberide Art 2015 (Red Wine)



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The winery was founded in 1986 pre-dating the modern renaissance of Bierzo. Now run by the second generation lead by Alejandro Luna, they own over 200 hectares of vineyards, including very old vines at high elevations around the village of Villafranca del Bierzo and in Dragonte. The philosophy of the winery is to produce wines based on quality of and respect for the land, with a focus on the native grapes of the region, Godello for white wine and Mencia for red wines.

Appellation	D.O. Bierzo
Grapes	100% Mencia from low yielding (25 hl/ha) 70-80 year-old vines
Altitude / Soil	700-900 meters / calcareous clay and decomposed slate over mother rock
Farming Methods	Practicing organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes from steeply sloping vineyards called <i>laderas</i>
Production	Fermented in temperature controlled inox tank with native yeasts
Aging	Aged for 20 months in new French oak barrels
UPC / SCC	8 437002 954161 / 8 437002 954369

Reviews:

The 2015 Art showed a lot more balanced and with much better integrated oak than in previous years. The wine is pure Mencia from a cool vintage. The fruit is black rather than red, ripened to perfection, with a serious and classical profile and showing some restraint. The palate is compact with fine-grained, abundant tannins and very good length. This has all the ingredients and balance for a nice development in bottle. 15,000 bottles produced. Drink Date 2017 - 2022.

93 points *The Wine Advocate* Issue 232, August 2017

Foxy blackberry and cassis aromas are young and untamed, with a note of wet animal fur. This Mencia is grapy and rich, with a dense, saturated palate. Chocolatey black-fruit flavors finish with hard tannins, lots of residual fruit and a structure that suggests that this wine is here to stay for a while. Drink 2019–2025.

92 points *The Wine Enthusiast Cellar Selection*, November 2017

