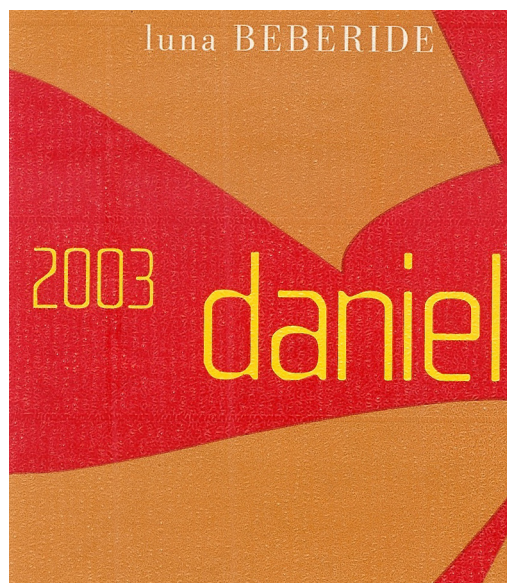


# Luna Beberide Daniel 2003



**Winery:** Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide

**Region:** Bierzo D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Mencía

**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 calcareous clay or decomposed slate. Vines range in age from 20 years for foreign grapes to 60 years for Mencía. 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:** Grapes come from a selection of the best parcels of vineyards owned by Luna Beberide's family planted in the hillsides with slate soils facing South between 2,296 to 2,952 feet above sea level. Harvested by hand in small boxes at 20 hectoliters/hectare during the first week of October. Macerated and fermented in small stainless steel vats for 20 days with 2 or 3 pumpings over every day. The wine was aged for 15 months in new French oak (Renou, Seguin Moreau, Taransaud). Fined with egg whites and bottled unfiltered in April 2005.

## Reviews:

"A limited cuvee named after the importer's son. This oak-aged cuvee is a terrific example of Bierzo. A black/blue/ruby color is accompanied by a gorgeous nose of violets, blueberries, raspberries, and cherries. Elegant, with good acidity, fabulous density, and a broad, cerebral palate impression, this is a gorgeously structured, well-delineated wine to drink over the next 10-12 years."

**92 points** *Wine Advocate* issue 159 June '05

"It is intense and structured, but shows plenty of deep, sweet fruit. Displaying many layers and facets of aroma, flavor and texture, this as interesting as it is downright delicious."

**93 points** *Wine Review Online* February 21 '06

"Deep and ripe, with expressive aromas of blackberry, cherry cola, raspberry and sexy oak spices. Fresh, energetic and precise. This suave, silky midweight has fully absorbed tannins and finishes with striking purity of fruit and excellent length."

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



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