

Paixar 2012



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Paixar

Region: Bierzo D.O.

Grapes: 100% Mencia

Winery: This is the joint venture of Alejandro Luna, Eduardo and Alberto Garcia focused on the production of a unique expression of Mencia. It started with the acquisition and leasing of tiny parcels of vineyards in the village of Dragonte (population 60) in the Bierzo region. The name Paixar comes from local oral tradition where Paixares are high old plantings of vines surrounded by chestnut and oak trees. Vines are planted directly in weathered slate of different colors and are 80+ years old; typically producing about one pound of fruit per vine. The low-vigor, old vines produce fruit with particularly concentrated aromas and powerful, fine tannins. The vineyards are between 2,500 and 3,000 feet above sea level, a key factor in the slow and even ripening of the grapes. Due to the altitude, harvest is typically 15 days later than the rest of Bierzo.

Wine: Hand-harvested into small boxes, cluster sorted, cold pre-fermentation maceration, native yeast fermentation. This wine was aged for 16 months in new French oak barrels and bottled without any filtration.

Reviews: “Brilliant ruby. Oak-spiced dark berry, floral pastille and cola scents on the perfumed nose. Lush, appealingly sweet black raspberry and cassis flavors are complemented by hints of cracked pepper and violet, with a smoky nuance emerging as the wine opens with air. Shows a deft blend of richness and vivacity, and no rough edges. Finishes sweet, supple and impressively long, with supple tannins coming on late and adding shape. The new oak is very nicely managed here.”

93 points *Vinous* Atlantic Spain January 2016



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