

Luna Beberide Mencia 2019 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide is a family-owned winery was founded in 1987. It is currently run by the second generation, namely Alejandro Luna. They focus on producing the healthy vineyards and quality wine based on the local Godello and Mencia grape varieties. They farm over 70 hectares of vines on south facing slopes composed of in calcareous clay and decomposed slate. They use organic winegrowing methods and native yeasts for fermentation.

Appellation	Bierzo D.O.
Grapes	100% Mencia, from estate grown vines averaging 30-years-old
Altitude / Soil	725-775 meters / calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for a few months in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, no oak.
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-437002-954123 / 8437002954468 / 12

Reviews:

“Always among the most delicious and versatile wines I taste each year for fewer than \$20, this performs very well again in the 2019 vintage. Medium-bodied, it offers more flavor impact than one would expect based on its weight, which is one of the keys to its versatility with food — or without food, as a stand-alone sipper. The fruit aromas and flavors recall red berries and black cherries with subtle savory accents, and the finish is freshened by nicely balanced acidity that never turns tart. This will pair up beautifully with anything from grilled fish to poultry dishes or lighter meats like pork or veal, and even with spicy lamb or beef dishes.”

90 points *Wine Review Online*; Michael Franz – August 10, 2021

“[The] bouquet wafts from the glass in a youthfully complex blend of dark berries, cassis, tree bark, bonfire, a touch of fresh thyme, dark soil tones and chicory. On the palate the wine is bright, fullish and tangy, with a good core, moderate tannins and lovely length and grip on the complex finish. This is a touch reductive when first opened, so if you are inclined to drink it in its youth, then decant it for fifteen or twenty minutes before serving. Despite its modest price tag, it will age very nicely, and I would be inclined to give it at least a few years of bottle age and really let it blossom properly. **It is an outstanding value!** 2021-2045+.”

90 points *View From The Cellar*; John Gilman - Issue #91 January/February 2021

“Dark violet. Black raspberry, cherry and floral aromas show fine definition and take on a spicy nuance with air. Juicy and open-knit, showing good depth to the bitter cherry and dark berry flavors. Dusty tannins frame a long, subtly smoky finish that echoes the cherry and floral notes. 2021 – 2027”

90 points *Vinous*; Josh Reynolds – June 17, 2021 *Atlantic Spain: It's Always About the Weather...*

“The pure and unoaked 2019 Mencia is the essence of licorice, wild berries and flowers with an herbal twist. It's juicy, tasty, clean and expressive. It comes from a vineyard in the Valdetruchas paraje. This is a great introduction to the grape and region, reliable and a great value. 150,000 bottles produced.

It was bottled in December 2019.” *Robert Parker*

90 points *The Wine Advocate*; Issue #249 – June 2020

