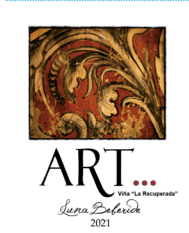


# Luna Beberide Art 2021 (Red Wine)



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.

Winemaking starts with all grapes being hand harvested into 18 kilo boxes. Careful cluster sorting, eliminating unsound bunches continues the push toward quality. All varietals are fermented separately with native yeasts prior to aging in oak barrels.

<b>Appellation</b>	Bierzo D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Mencia from low yielding (25 hl/ha) 70–80-year-old vines
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	700-900 meters / calcareous clay and decomposed slate over mother rock
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes from steeply sloping vineyards called laderas
<b>Production</b>	Fermented in temperature controlled inox tank with native yeasts
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 20 months in new French oak barrels
<b>UPC/SCC/Pack Size</b>	8 437002 954161 / 8 437002 954369 / 6

## Reviews:

“The 2021 Mencia-based releases from Luna Beberide are smashingly good and dangerously delicious even in their youth, without seeming “played out” or “dumbed down.” This wine fits that description perfectly and is among the best releases of “Art” yet to be issued by the bodega. Sourced from low-yielding vines averaging around 75 years of age, it emits a lot of aroma and flavor for its weight, which is medium-bodied and notably lighter than previous vintages. A lighter, fresher style has also marked the top-of-line “Paixar” release during the past ... vintages, making the change ... deliberate. These 2021s are ... outstanding. Under Bierzo’s new classification system, this is a “Vino de Paraje” from the Valdetruchas site in Villafranca del Bierzo. I will publish a column outlining this new classification system within the Bierzo D.O. ... This wine shows more spice and complexity from a ... stronger dose of oak aging than the Finca Luna Beberide release, but not enough to characterize it as “oaky,” as the old-vine fruit outruns the wood notes through the finish. Although ripe and soft in flavor and texture, it is adequately structured, and even at this ... age, the wine is so well integrated that one doesn’t really experience the fruit, acidity, oak, or tannin as distinct elements but rather as interwoven strands of a multicolored garment. This will seem ... light for \$65 to some consumers, but those same consumers would probably consider a similarly styled but less complex Volnay from Burgundy ... light for \$130.”

**95 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz – Oct 10, 2023.

“This is the top of the line bottling from one of my absolutely favorite producers in Bierzo, Luna Beberide. ...The wine is aged for one year in a combination of foudres and five hundred liter French oak puncheons. The 2021 Art comes in at 13.5 percent alcohol and offers up an absolutely stunning bouquet of dark berries, pomegranate, graphite, dark, stony soil tones, espresso, woodsmoke, a touch of tree bark and a beautiful topnote of gentle, sweet botanicals. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and full-bodied, with a superb core of fruit, fine mineral undertow and grip, fine-grained, ripe tannins and outstanding focus and balance on the long, complex and seamless finish. This is so beautifully balanced that it is drinkable out of the blocks, but it is still very much in its primary stage of development and truly deserves some time in the cellar to allow its secondary layers of complexity to fully emerge. It is a superb bottle of old vine Bierzo Mencia! 2032-2075+.

**94 points View from the Cellar ;** John Gilman - February 2024.

“The 2021 Art from Luna Beberide was produced with grapes from a single vineyard, La Recuperada, that is in the process of being certified organic. It fermented in stainless steel and matured in 500-liter oak barrels for 12 months. It’s floral, perfumed and elegant, with the freshness of the 700 to 900 meters above sea level where the vineyards grow. It reveals fine-grained tannins and medium ripeness at 13.5% alcohol. 6,500 bottles were filled in May 2023. The Luna Beberide family has been producing modern Bierzo wines since 1988. They work over 50 hectares of vineyards and bottle around 150,000 bottles per year. Paixar was one of the first icons from Bierzo.” **94 points The Wine Advocate;** John Gilman - Luis Gutierrez August 10, 2023

