

Luna Beberide Mencia 2022 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinos 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 Size	8-437002-954123 / 8437002954468 / 12

Reviews:

“The 2022 Mencia bottling from Luna Beberide is composed from vines that are all at least forty years of age, planted in a combination of clay and slate. The wine is beautifully expressive already on the nose, wafting from the glass in a mix of dark berries, pomegranate, tree bark, coffee bean, dark soil tones and a topnote of cigar smoke. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and sappy at the core, with fine soil signature and grip, ripe, buried tannins, fine focus and a long, complex and beautifully balanced finish. This is already quite tasty, but will be even better if given a handful of years in the cellar to allow its tannins to soften up a bit more and its secondary layers of complexity to emerge. As always, first class juice and a stellar bargain! 2023-2055+.”

92 points View from the Cellar ; John Gilman - Issue #105 May/June 2023.

“The young unoaked red 2022 Mencia is juicy and fruit-driven with floral and herbal notes, good ripeness, 13% alcohol, very fine tannins and a soft mouthfeel. It fermented in stainless steel vats with indigenous yeasts, where it matured until bottling. 90,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in January 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.”

91 points The Wine Advocate ; Luis Gutierrez - August 10, 2023.

