

Paixar 2017 (Red Wine)



Paixar was started as a joint venture between Alejandro Luna, Gregory Perez, Eduardo and Alberto Garcia. In 2014 Alejandro Luna took control of the project and incorporated it under the umbrella of Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide. The project started with the acquisition and leasing of tiny parcels of vineyards called Paixares, old-vine, high-elevation plantings surrounded by chestnut and oak trees, in the village of Dragonte (population 60). Vines are planted directly in weathered slate of different colors and are 80+ years old; typically producing about one pound of fruit per vine.

Appellation	Bierzo D.O.
Grapes	100% Mencia, from vines averaging 80 years old
Altitude / Soil	700-900 metes / broken slate, no top soil
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic; Vegan
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes in middle of September
Production	Cluster sorted, destemmed and cold maceration prior to fermentation with native microbes
Aging	Aged for 22 months in new French oak
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437002954154 / 8437002954024 / 6

Reviews:

“Saturated violet. A complex, expansive bouquet evokes spice- and mineral- accented cherry, black currant, mulberry and licorice, along with hints of incense and pungent flowers. Stains the palate with concentrated black and blue fruit, floral pastille and exotic spice flavors sweetened by a late touch of vanilla. Delivers a compelling blend of richness and energy and finishes strikingly long and gently chewy, with reverberating blue fruit and mineral notes and slowly building tannins. Raised in new 500-liter and used 225-liter French oak barrels. 2023 – 2033”

95 points Vinous; Josh Raynolds – June 17, 2021 *Atlantic Spin: It's Always About the Weather...*

“Paixar was a revelation, one of the first modern Bierzos, produced with the García family from Mauro. I tasted two vintages of this wine, which has come a long way. The riper and headier 2017 Paixar is explosive and hedonistic, truly remarkable for a very complex year in the region. But the palate has purity of flavors and vibrant fruit, and the oak feels integrated like never before. It's a much more floral and elegant version of this wine that keeps the essence of the high-altitude old vineyards on slate soils in the village of Dragonte. I think this is a real triumph over the conditions of the year. It matured in 225- and 500-liter oak barrels for 15 months, but the oak is completely integrated. 12,500 bottles produced. It was bottled in June 2019.” *Robert Parker*

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2018 is also a great vintage for Luna Beberide, one of the old-timers from this new Bierzo. The family winery was created back in 1989 and has 55 hectares in the village of Villafranca del Bierzo and 4.5 more in Dragonte, a parish of Corullón. Production is 350,000 bottles, so availability is quite good.

