

Luna Beberide Art 2020 (Red Wine)



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Vino "La Recuperada"
Luna Beberide
2020

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 Mencía 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.

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

Reviews: "All of the vines used for the Art bottling from Luna Beberide are seventy to eighty years of age, planted on a hillside of chalky clay and decomposing slate over a base of hard rock. The wine is raised in a combination of five thousand liter foudres and five hundred liter casks for one year. The 2020 version is an absolutely superb young wine, offering up a very precise bouquet of sweet dark berries, bonfire, pomegranate, dark, stony soil tones, tree bark, discreet botanicals, espresso and a deft framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and full, with a rock solid core of fruit, superb mineral drive, ripe, firm tannins, tangy acids and a long, nascently complex and soil-driven finish of impeccable balance. This is a great wine in the making, though it does have a bit of oak tannin on the backend that will need some hibernation time to integrate completely. 2030-2080."

94 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman – Issue 98 March/April 2022

"The 2020 Art from Luna Beberide has the name "La recuperada" on the label, which is the name of the vineyard (the recovered one), the one with the highest altitude in the Finca de Valdetruchas, more or less at about 750 meters in elevation, on calcareous clay. The wine matured in 5,000-liter oak vats and 500-liter oak barrels for 12 months. It's young and brooding, with black berries and wild herbs, a touch of spice and abundant, fine-grained tannins, more elegant than those from the Finca. It's medium ripe with 13.5% alcohol and very good freshness, something I have seen improving in the Luna Beberide wines in the last few years. 12,500 bottles were filled in November 2021. 2022-2028"

94 points The Wine Advocate; Luis Gutiérrez – January 2022

"Of all the vintages of this wine that I've tasted (and I believe I've tasted all of them), this 2020 comes the closest to Luna Beberide's flagship "Paixar" release (drawing dead even when I turned from sensory evaluation to scoring, but with Paixar pulling ahead the next day after holding up extremely well overnight). "Art" is crafted from very old vines (70 to 80 years) growing at high elevations (2,000 to 2,700 feet), and the physical density of the finished wine shows the resultingly low yields. Oak is quite muted in this release, giving the wine a soft, rounded feel without lacking freshness, and likewise without lacking for tannic spine. In both texture and flavor, this is much more inviting and evolved than its vintage suggests, and is already extremely enjoyable, though it will easily improve for another five years — at an absolute minimum."

93 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz – April 5, 2022 *Today's Featured Wine*

