

# Paixar 2021 (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 Dragonite (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.

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

## Reviews:

“The vino de paraje from A Serra in Dragonte 2021 Paixar is as good as ever, with the austerity of the slate slopes and the old vines that deliver low yields of concentrated and characterful grapes. It has a moderate 13.5% alcohol and a very fresh sensation on the palate beyond analysis. The vineyards are in the process to obtain organic certification. 6,500 bottles produced. This is one of the most elegant vintages for this wine. 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.”

**97 points The Wine Advocate;** John Gilman - Luis Gutierrez August 10, 2023

“... this is certainly a delicious and very interesting wine. Showing a bright character in a medium-bodied profile, this offers up a broad range of aromas and flavors based on fruit tones both red and black, with specific notes recalling red cherries and raspberries, ripe but still tart cranberries, black Bing cherries, and boysenberries (which grow all over my neighborhood — I’m not making this up). The overall balance of fruit, acidity, oak spice, and tannin is indisputably outstanding.” **95 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz Sep 26, 2023

“...The 2021 Paixar is a superb wine in the making, delivering a complex aromatic constellation of black raspberries, graphite, pomegranate, tree bark, grilled meats, a gorgeous base of slate minerality, espresso, woodsmoke and a touch of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, fullbodied and very elegant on the attack, with a superb core of black fruit, impressive transparency and grip, ripe, fine-grained tannins and impeccable balance on the long, focused and complex finish. ... 2031-2075+..”

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

