

# Luna Beberide Art 2018 (Red Wine)



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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>	D.O. Bierzo
<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 <i>laderas</i>
<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</b>	8 437002 954161 / 8 437002 954369 / 6

## Reviews:

“A little more classical and varietal than the super floral Finca Luna Beberide but also showing how good 2018 has been at this address, the 2018 Art combines the textbook notes of licorice, wild berries, plants and flowers with a deft touch of spices and smoke. This comes from very old vines and matured in barrique for 14 months, yet the oak does not play a role in the aromatics or flavors—it feels completely integrated and neatly folded into the fruit. 12,500 bottles produced. It was bottled in March 2020.” *Robert Parker*

**93+ points** *The Wine Advocate*; Issue #249 – June 2020

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.

