

# Luna Beberide Godello 2018 (White Wine)



This family winery traces its history to 1986, predating the renaissance in Bierzo by about 10 years. The current winemaker, Alejandro Luna, is the second generation proprietor and focuses on traditional grapes for the area, Godello for white wines and Mencía for reds. They follow organic methods with no herbicide or pesticide use in the vineyards and allow native microbes to ferment the wines in the cellar.

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% Godello, from 60-year-old, estate grown vines
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	600-750 meters / calcareous clay and decomposed slate
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	Harvested grapes are kept as whole clusters overnight, prior to pressing, fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tank
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 2 months on fine lees in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8-437002-954185 / 8-437002-9543121 / 12

## Reviews:

“Vivid straw-yellow. Aromas of fresh pear, melon and tangerine are energized by a suggestion of chalky minerals. Sappy and concentrated, yet nervy as well, offering bitter citrus pith, pear skin and honeysuckle flavors that become spicier on the back half. Shows very good depth and clarity finishing long and taut, with persistent mineral and floral qualities. (All stainless steel.) Drink 2019-2024.”

**91 points** *Vinous Media*; “Spain’s Northern Regions Keep it Cool” – March 2019

“There are a bunch of wines from 2018 already bottled, among which was the 2018 Godello from Luna Beberide. Such recent bottling tends to be harsh for whites, which tend to show reductive and reminiscent of sulfur, so you often have to guide yourself by the palate, which revealed a wine that follows the path of freshness of 2016, with clean flavors and citrus freshness. Give it a few more months in bottle. 50,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in December 2018. Drink Date 2019 – 2021.”

**89 points** *The Wine Advocate*; Issue #241 – February 28, 2019

