

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.

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| 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:

“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.

