

Luna Beberide Mencia 2016 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos Luna Beberide is a family-owned winery was founded in 1987. It is currently run by the second generation, namely Alejandro Luna. They focus on producing the healthy vineyards and quality wine based on the local Godello and Mencia grape varieties. They farm over 70 hectares of vines on south facing slopes composed of in calcareous clay and decomposed slate. They use organic winegrowing methods and native yeasts for fermentation.

Appellation	Bierzo D.O.
Grapes	100% Mencia, from estate grown vines averaging 30-years-old
Altitude / Soil	725-775 meters / calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for a few months in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, no oak.
UPC / SCC	8-437002-954123/ 8-437002-954314

Reviews:

"I have been very impressed with the quality of the straight Mencia bottling from Bodegas Luna Beberide in the last few vintages and the 2016 is again, an excellent wine and a superb value. As readers may recall, this is the entry level bottling from the bodegas and is raised solely in stainless steel tanks. The 2016 offers up a fine and impressively complex nose of pomegranate, dark berries, graphite, cola, a fine base of soil tones, a bit of roasted meats, wild fennel and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and marvelously transparent, with a good core, tangy acids and fine focus and grip on the moderately tannic, complex and classy finish. This is still priced well under twenty dollars a bottle and is a stunning bargain. Buy it by the case, as it will age beautifully! 2018-2040."

91 points *View from the Cellar*: Issue 75 July 2018

"Following the good line I saw last year, the 2016 Mencia, a young, unoaked bottling, showed plenty of varietal character, with clean aromas, focused flavors and good balance and freshness. 150,000 bottles produced. Drink Date 2017 - 2020."

90+ points *The Wine Advocate*: Issue 232 August 2017

"The 2016 Luna Beberide Bierzo is a really well-made wine which was sourced from 40 year old Mencia vines. Right at the start the wine yields some heady red and dark fruit aromatics. As it continues to build in the glass, blue fruits come into play alongside red cherry, cranberry and a touch of blood orange on the palate. Silky and smooth on the mouth, and showing some bright, mouth-watering acidity, this excellent value will be best enjoyed in the next five to seven years."

90 points *International Wine Report* June 2018

