

# Luna Beberide Mencia 2021 (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.

<b>Appellation</b>	Bierzo D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Mencia, from estate grown vines averaging 30-years-old
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	725-775 meters / calcareous clay
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	Fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for a few months in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, no oak.
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8-437002-954123 / 8437002954468 / 12

## Reviews:

“The 2021 Mencia Luna Beberide arrived just before I finished up this article, and it was a most welcome late arrival to the remaining pile of Spanish wine samples. The wine is a touch cooler in profile than the fine 2020 version, tipping the scales at thirteen percent alcohol and delivering a beautifully refined bouquet of cassis, pomegranate, lead pencil, a complex foundation of soil elements, hints of tree bark and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and beautifully soil-driven, with a superb core of fruit, tangy acids, fine focus and balance, fine-grained tannins and a long, complex finish. This is more tightly-knit than the 2020 version was out of the blocks, but every bit as high in quality and once again, a superb value. 2028-2055.”

**92 points** *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman – Issue 98 March/April 2022

“The young red 2021 Mencia is juicy and explosive, floral and showy, produced with the grapes from the valley on clay soils with less stones that express very clearly what the variety is. It doesn't have great complexity, but it's delicious, pleasant, varietal and easy to drink. It fermented in stainless steel tanks without adding any type of yeast. The maceration is short, and so is the aging in tank. It's only 12.9% alcohol and has very good acidity. 125,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in December 2021. 2022-2025.”

**91+ points** *The Wine Advocate*; Luis Gutiérrez – January 2022

“If the Mencia grape variety is new to you, you'll need to change that, and this wine provides an excellent place to start. The variety has been essentially landlocked for centuries, and has only recently entered the flow of global wine commerce, but it can make indisputably wonderful wines in a fairly broad range of styles. This is a very fresh and simple rendition made from fruit that's barely been off the vines for half a year. Uncomplicated by oak, it is juicy and bright, with red berry notes predominating on the palate, with energetic acidity driving the finish.”

**89 points** *Wine Review Online*; Michael Franz – April 5, 2022

