

Paixar 2015 (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.

Appellation	Bierzo D.O.
Grapes	100% Mencia, from vines averaging 80 years old
Altitude / Soil	700-900 metres / broken slate, no top soil
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes in early-mid October
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:

"The 2015 Paixar is 100% Mencia and is sourced from many small, high elevation bush-vines. Semi opaque in color, it has a perfumed nose of black raspberry with a slight charred note. Refined on the palate with a silky feel and bright acidity. Aged 18 months in new French oak barrels." **94 points** *International Wine Review*; "Spanish Wines of Value and Quality" - June 20, 2019

"After many vintages, the 2015 Paixar is now a brand of Luna Beberide. 2015 is a ripe vintage and the wine shows it in its heady and ripe nose, quite aromatic, expressive if very obviously young. This has always been a ripe, powerful and concentrated red, often generously oaked, designed for the long haul. The grapes come from the village of Dragonte, at high altitude and with slate-based soils that provide a texture and wide minerality to the wines. The palate revealed abundant, slightly dusty tannins that might need some more time in bottle and/or powerful food. 8,000 bottles produced. Drink Date 2018 – 2022." **93 points** *The Wine Advocate*; Issue #232 – August 2017

"The 2015 Paixar Mencia is an outstanding young wine, with the new oak beautifully integrated into the fruit and soil elements here. The bouquet wafts from the glass in a very refined constellation of cassis, pomegranate, espresso, licorice, great minerality, a touch of tree bark, cigar smoke and a very well done framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and impressively transparent, with a good core, excellent backend mineral drive, ripe tannins and a long, youthful, complex and tangy finish... 2021-2050." **93 points** *View from the Cellar*; Issue #75 – May/June 2018

"Lurid ruby. Highly perfumed and vibrant on the nose, displaying heady dark berry, pot-pourri scents and a smoky mineral overtone. In a rich but elegant style, offering appealingly sweet black raspberry, cherry-cola and spicecake flavors given spine and lift by a core juicy acidity. Shows outstanding depth as well as delicacy, and finishes with strong, floral-, mineral-driven persistence and silky tannins that come on late. Drink 2019-2026."

93 points *Vinous Media*; "Spain's Northern Regions Keep it Cool" – March 2019

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