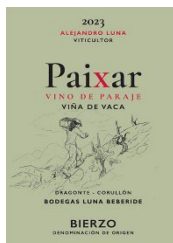


Paixar Viña de Vaca (Red Wine)



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 Vinos 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 950 vines planted 1910
Altitude/Soil	1000 metres / decomposed slate on bedrock in steeply slopes exposed to the south
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic; Vegan
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	The grapes were partially crushed and fermented in open oak vats.
Aging	Aged for 12 months in 500 L French oak barrels
UPC/SCC/PackSize	8437002954529 / 8437002954024 / 12

Reviews:

"This is one of two new renditions of "Paixar," one of the top wines of Bierzo, and all of Spain, for that matter, stretching back to the inaugural vintage of 2001. I have tasted almost every vintage (probably all of them but leaving room for error). Both of them—this bottling and the "A Sierra"—are sleeker in profile than most vintages of their predecessor, which could be quite concentrated and loaded with flavor impact. This wine offers nearly as much flavor impact and every bit as detail at this early stage in its development, but with less physical weight. This is the brighter of the two, with very fresh acidity enlivening the flavors, which recall black cherries above all, with a mixture of red and black berry notes riding underneath. Really only medium-bodied, it shows relatively little overt oak but lots of vibrant fruit with excellent linear energy making for a very long, symmetrical finish. The fruit comes from a total of 950 vines in Dragonte, Corullón, that were planted in 1910 at an elevation of nearly 3,300 feet. I love the detail it shows along the way, and at this lighter weight, the point of comparison that first occurs to me is not Côte-Rôtie from the northern Rhône, but rather fine red Burgundy. This is still a wine unto itself, but that comparison may prove helpful for those new to this wine—as is admittedly true for me".

97 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz May 29, 2025

