



### Overview

This winery is new to our importers portfolio, as well as new to Vintner Select. The vineyards are owned by a cousin and uncle of Alejandro Luna (Luna Beberide winery). The 2008 vintage was a first for them to bottle their own wines. The vineyards are composed of calcerous clay soils with some stones and are between 650 and 700 meters above sea level. They are pictured to the left.



### Bierzo D.O.

While winemaking was started by the Romans in this area of Spain, its development as a region known for mining and industry precluded major growth of the wine industry. Denominacion of Origin was granted in 1988. The late 1990's saw a bloom of interest in the wines of Bierzo on the international stage.

Climate: This is a cool growing region with summer temperatures averaging 75 and winter temperatures 39. The region averages a bit over 28 inches of rain a year.

Soil: Soils are based on geography and elevation with the majority of this region actually the valley between two major mountain chains. Most vineyards are planted between 1,500 and 3,200 feet elevation. The majority of soils are mixed slate and alluvial. There are also some sandy and granitic soils in the area. The photo to the left illustrates the typical soils of Bierzo.

Grape Varieties in Bierzo: Mencia (red) and Godello (white) are the main grapes of the region.

### La Muria Mencia

The grapes come from hand harvested vineyards with an average age of 40 years. Fermented in stainless steel vats and bottled unfiltered. 100% Mencia

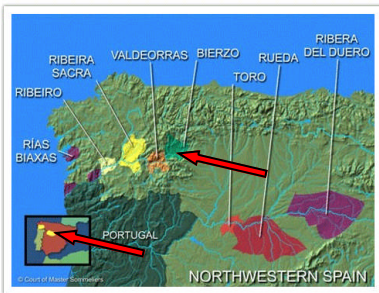
### Reviews:

“With pure fruit that packs a lot of flavor onto a relatively modest frame, this wine is reminiscent of a fine young vintage of, say, Chinon or Saint-Joseph in general stylistic profile. However, its specific characteristics--fresh, bright cherry and berry fruit with both red and black notes--speak quite specifically of Mencia from Bierzo, which is usually marked by distinctively zesty acidity and fine-grained tannin that makes the wines in this younger, lighter style delightful to sip on their own but also marvelously versatile with food.”

**88 points Wine Review Online April 26, 2011 - Michael Franz**

“Floral and alert, and overall the bouquet is promising. This is quintessential by-the-glass Bierzo; it’s creamy, full and solid, with nice black cherry, raspberry and plum flavors. Nothing spectacular but quite good in a no-nonsense way.”

**87 points Wine Enthusiast July 2011**



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