

Altos de Losada, Bierzo DO, Losada Vinos De Finca

Bierzo, Spain



Product code	LS06ZZRC
Grapes	Old vines Mencía
Country	Spain
ABV%	14.5
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	
Vintage	2020



Vegan



Vegetarian



Producer

Based on the outskirts of Villafranca del Bierzo, Losada was started in 2005 with the objective of seeking out parcels of Mencía vines, planted on clay soils, a terroir which had been relatively overlooked in the past. With plots around the villages of Pieros and Valtuille de Abajo, the vines are bush trained and farmed with minimum intervention. The belief of head winemaker, Amancio Fernandez, is that the clay soils of these two sub regions produce Mencía grapes that have a finer structure than those planted on slate. The grapes are hand harvested, crushed and de-stemmed and then fermented using indigenous yeasts and extraction is achieved by daily pump overs. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel and latterly, Losada have also added egg-shaped cement tanks.

Tasting Notes

The wine with the greatest complexity and individual character, displaying all the subtlety and elegance that Losada has brought to the new Bierzo style. Altos de Losada has intensity and energy, with meaty, toasty and earthy notes framing black cherry, plum, licorice and mineral flavors. Chewy tannins resolve on the sanguine finish. Austere, but shows character.

Viticulture

The Estate: Unique high-altitude Losada vineyards near the villages of upper Valtuille and Pieros close to the Losada property. SOILS: clay slopes with different exposures.

Winemaking

15 months of aging in foudres and French oak barrels of 1st, 2nd, 3rd year and concrete eggs.

Ratings



James Suckling 2022

93pt (2020)

Guía Semana Vitivinícola 2022

96pt (2020)

Altos de Losada, vino de villa de Valtuille de Arriba 2019: new vintage released. " Frank and tasty palate, with a very good acid structure and creamy tannins. Good fruit content, very long."