



LOSADA

EL BIERZO • CASTILE Y LEÓN

Established by veteran winemakers in 2004 in the heart of Bierzo among the region's oldest Mencía vines, Losada ca boast one of the more stunning ultra-modern facilities in Spain. Following an explosive period in which Bierzo leapt to worldwide fame on the merits of a few highly-extracted, highly-oaked wines, Losada's philosophy is to create elegant, balanced wines with pronounced purity of expression.

100% MENCÍA VINEYARDS FARMED SUSTAINABLY AT MINIMUM YIELDS

"We harvest by hand, placing bunches in small plastic crates that are taken as quickly as possible to the harvest reception area of the winery. The fruit undergoes rigorous sorting on the vines so that any additional sorting required at the winery is minimal. The grapes are then de-stemmed and gently crushed before the fermentation begins naturally with the indigenous yeasts of the grape skins. The frequency of pump-overs and the temperature of fermentation are adjusted according to the character of the vintage. The new wines are then run off the skins into barrels for the malo-lactic fermentation.

"In the cellars, we are as non-interventionist as possible and aim to bring out in the wine-making the character of the vineyard and the quality of the vintage that our painstaking work in the vines has sought to enhance. Our wine-making approach is underpinned by a combination of solid technical know-how and the experience and intuition gained from more than ten vintages in El Bierzo."



EL PÁJARO ROJO

Old Mencía averaging 30-40 years from the coolest areas; a youthful, fruity wine showcasing the varietal and soils.

*Josh Reynolds, Vinous: **89 points** "(after being fermented in stainless steel tanks, this wine went through malolactic fermentation and was aged for four months in used French oak barrels): Brilliant ruby. Dark berries, violet and allspice on the fragrant nose, with a hint of licorice in the background. Supple, open-knit blackberry and cherry compote flavors are sharpened by a peppery element that gains strength on the back half. Closes with gentle tannic grip and good persistence, leaving bitter chocolate and cherry pit notes behind."*

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Essential for discovering the elegance of the new Bierzo: 100% old-vine Mencía grown between Cacabelos and Villafranca on gentle slopes of water-retentive clay soils Losada is aged nine months in French oak, expressing the tender yet juicy side of Mencía.

*Thomas Matthews, Wine Spectator: **92 points** "Toast, dark chocolate and licorice flavors frame the black cherry and plum fruit in this expressive red, accented by mountain herb and mineral notes. Broad-shouldered but graceful, with integrated tannins and firm acidity. Drink now through 2021."*

*Josh Reynolds, Vinous: **91 points** "Deep violet color. Deeply pitched cherry and boysenberry aromas are lifted by peppery spice, mineral and floral qualities. Sappy and expansive on the palate, offering pliant black and blue fruit flavors that become sweeter with air. A hint of smoked meat comes up with air and carried through the persistent finish, which is firmed by fine-grained tannins. Nicely plays richness off of finesse and has the balance to age."*

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