

## About the wine

**Name:**  
BALTOS  
**Origin:**  
D.O.BIERZO, LEÓN  
**Production:**  
90'000 bottles  
**Ratings:**  
Smart buys - Wine Spectator  
67th of the top 100 - Wine Spectator  
Wine Spectator 90 points  
Wine & Spirits 91 points  
Parker 90 points  
Tanzer 90 points  
Campsa Guide 2008 91 points  
Peñín 2009 90 points

## Technical info

### VITICULTURE

Selection of 40 years old Mencía vineyards with low yields on gentle slopes at 500 metres above sea level. The vineyards are located in three different areas (Cabanelas, Valtuille and Almázcara) to combine the characteristics of different types of soils.

**Soil:** Hillside and river bench, clay & calcareous

**Age of vines:** 40 years old

**Pruning:** Gobelet

**Harvest:** After green pruning and leaf removal, handpicked in small crates (15 kg.) and manual selection on the sorting table

**Varietal blend:** Mencía 100%

### Alcoholic Fermentation:

**Duration:** 18 days

**Temperature:** 28°C

**Malolactic Fermentation:** 100%

### Ageing process in barrel:

**Capacity:** 225 litres

**Age of barrel:** till 3rd fill

**Type of oak:** French & American oak

**Toasting level:** light

**Ageing time:** 4 - 7 months

### Analysis:

**Alcoholic content:** 13,5°

**Total acidity:** 5,1 gr/l (TH2)

**Residual Sugar:** < 2 gr/l

**pH:** 3,6

**Clarification method:** Natural albumen

**Filtration:** Unfiltered

## Tasting notes

Deep red claret colour with violet hue towards the rim. Powerful nose with ripe red fruit and hints of violets and minerals. Fresh, elegant, clean and delicious with plenty of varietal flavours on the palate. Sweet tannins and refreshing with integrated acidity.  
We recommend serving at 16°C.

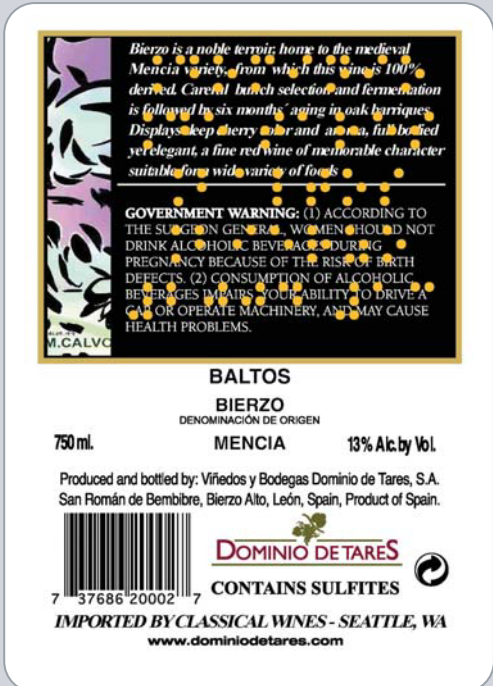
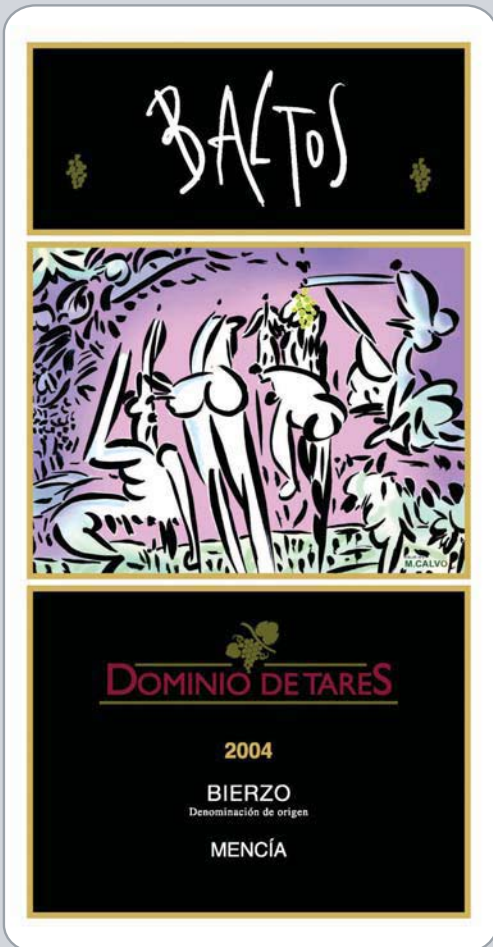
“(Baltos 2003) This beefy, ripe, muscled red tosses up cinnamon and earth before a free flow of plum, black cherry and berry fruit. Thick, chewy and balanced, with mounds of coffee and fudge waiting on the finish. Not subtle but a lot of fun to drink, especially given the price. 90 points Editor’s Choice”  
Michael Schachner, The Wine Enthusiast, June 2005

“This dark red impresses with its solid structure and good balance. The flavours are muted now, but the concentration is evident and the core of wild plum and toast notes will open with time. 90 points”

The Wine Spectator, December 2003

67th in “The Top 100” The Wine Spectator, January 2004





For Baltos we selected grapes picked in several small parcels of vineyard throughout Bierzo, seeking a balanced and harmonious grape combination grown on three different types of soil. The main area where the parcels are located is Cabanelas, where we selected vines between 25 and 40 years old on stony limestone soils, which produce grapes offering structure and bringing out all its varietal flavours. Another area where we also selected vines between 25 and 40 years old is Valtuille. These vines are planted on clay-calcareous alluvial soils producing grapes of elegance and finesse. Finally, in the Upper Bierzo, Almázcara, we selected vines of at least 40 years old grown on gravelly soils lying over clay-calcareous subsoils at an altitude between 700 and 800 metres above sea level (2'300 – 2'600 ft.). This type of soil confers the tannins and polyphenolic compounds to the wine, needs for correct ageing. Harvest in Bierzo usually takes place during the second fortnight of September, finalizing in the Upper Bierzo during the first week of October. After an initial selection, the grapes are transported to the winery immediately after being picked in small crates of 15 kg. They are then sorted out manually, destemmed and lightly pressed before a two-week maceration with their skin. When fermentation is completed, the ageing process is carried out for 4 to 7 months in French (Allier and Nevers) and American (Missouri and Virginia) oak barrels, which have been in use from 1 to 3 years.

## Packaging

**Front label:**  
**Format:** 75 mm x 145 mm  
**Paper:** Supermatt with water-proof resistant inks  
 Recyclable paper

**Back label:**  
**Format:** 72 mm in diameter / for USA only 75 x 110 mm  
**Paper:** Supermatt with water-proof resistant inks &  
 Recyclable paper. Braille code.

**EAN / UPC Code – 750 ml bottle:**  
**Ean 13:** 8437002369170  
**UPC:** 737686200072

**EAN Code – 500 ml bottle:**  
**Ean 13:** 8437002369187

**Cork:**  
**Material:** Natural cork  
**Large:** 44 mm

**Bottle:**  
**Format:** Bordeaux Elite  
**Capacity:** 500 & 750 ml.  
**Color:** Antique

**Transport case 6 bot. 75 cl:**  
**Size:** 240 x 160 x 320 mm  
**Type of cardboard:** Recyclable cardboard  
**Gcode EAN 14 EU:** 28437002369129  
**Gcode EAN 14 USA:** 10737686200079  
**Transport case 12 bot. 75 cl:**  
**Size:** 325 x 240 x 325 mm  
**Type of cardboard:** Recyclable cardboard  
**Gcode EAN 14 EU:** 38437002369126  
**Gcode EAN 14 USA:** 20737686200076  
**Transport case 15 bot. 50 cl:**  
**Size:** 325 x 240 x 325 mm  
**Type of cardboard:** Recyclable cardboard  
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