

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
REGISTRATION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION**

NAME OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Bierzo

PRODUCT CATEGORY

Wine

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Spain

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PROTECTION IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Date of Protection in the European Union: 20.6.1992

Date of Protection in the Member State: 11.11.1989

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- Raw Material**

Varieties:

<i>Whites</i>	<i>Reds</i>
Doña Blanca Godello Malvasía Palomino	Garnacha Tintorera Mencía

- Alcohol content :**

	<i>alcohol content minimum acquired</i>
White	11 % vol.
Pink	11 % vol.
Red	11,5 % vol.

- Physical Appearance**

White, Pink, Red Wine.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

It comprises the following municipalities, all belonging to the province of León: Arganza, Bembibre, Borrenes, Cabañas Raras, Cacabelos, Camponaraya, Carracedelo, Carucedo, Castropodame, Congosto, Corullón, Cubillos del Sil, Fresnedo, Molinaseca, Noceda, Ponferrada, Priaranza, Puente de Domingo Flórez, Sancedo, Vega de Espinareda, Villadecanes-Toral de los Vados y Villafranca del Bierzo.

LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1 - . Relief, soils , altitude and latitude, and climate are fundamental and basic parameter in the coolness of the Atlantic welcomed varieties , much more pronounced in the main varieties Mencía, Godello and Doña Blanca. Furthermore, these parameters influence sharply in the analytical and organoleptic characteristics of wines welcome to DOP " Bierzo ", which highlights the above mentioned fresh and marked minerality , typical of an Atlantic climate on a continental basis.

. 2 - different people were inhabitants in El Bierzo , monks and peasants who were able to select those plants (now known as clones) that have led to entrenched local varieties known in our days , but not before learning their culture , evolve and experiment with the fruit of the vine for centuries and generations to determine their culture and that the red variety Mencía and white varieties are Godello and Doña Blanca today the main varieties of the DOP " Bierzo " different from other wine regions of Castilla y León.

. 3 - Differentiation of the quality of the grapes produced in the region of El Bierzo , in particular physical and organoleptic characteristics are generated by the influence of geomorphological variables, and differential soil and climatic own . The relief of the area of production, soils , altitude and latitude, the typical differential itself and climate are those that confer these typical characteristics and differentiating themselves based on a fresh character and a pronounced minerality.

. 4 - The weather in El Bierzo induces the maturation is slow, during which a high concentration of polyphenols and aromatic substances in grape skins occurs .

. 5 - The geomorphological , soil and climatic characteristics make wines have a fresh character , highlighted by a subtle acidity and a pronounced minerality.

. 6 - The significant variation between the temperature and humidity during the day and night during the summer , causing a greater hardness of the pulp and skin of the grape berry , with a structure and high concentration of tannins , polyphenols and aromatics , basic parameters on quality.

SPECIF RULES FOR LABELLING, IN CASE THESE EXIST

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