

José Pastor Selections

PIONEERING GROWER-PRODUCED FINE IBERIAN WINES

Grower Gregory Perez

Appellation Bierzo

Climate Atlantic, Continental

Varieties Mencía, Garnacha Tintorera

Soil Sandy Loam, Clay

Elevation 550 meters

Vine Age 30 years

Pruning En Vaso & Espaldera

Farming Lutte Raisonnée

Production 3,000 cases

Gregory Perez

Brezo Tinto



Gregory Perez is one of the most talented winegrowers working in Bierzo today. A native of Bordeaux, Gregory came to Bierzo in the early 2000's and worked extensively in the region before starting his own project in 2007 called **Bodegas Mengoba**, where he farms 5 hectares. His goal is to express the Bierzo terroir as vividly as possible by working only with native grapes and utilizing natural winemaking methods, such as fermenting all wines with wild yeasts and working with very little sulfur during the winemaking process. The results are wines that show an uncommon sense of purity and elegance not often associated with his region. Brezo is a second label that he created for his work as a negociant.

The **Bierzo D.O.** is made up of several different terroirs spread out over several villages. There are vineyards on the lower-lying rolling hills of mostly clay, at around 500 meters elevation, and higher elevation vineyards in the north and western sides of the region that can be up to 800 meters in elevation and have more diverse soil types, such as slate, schiste, quartz, sand, and limestone. Bierzo is a transition region, moving from the cool Atlantic influence from the north and west, to the continental influence of Spain's central *meseta* to the east. The region is sheltered well from cold weather, with warmer, drier weather during the summer months, ideal for ripening grapes.

Brezo Tinto is comprised of mostly **Mencía**, with a small percentage of **Garnacha Tintorera** from Horta and Villafranca del Bierzo. The grapes are 90% de-stemmed and 10% whole-cluster, fermented with wild yeasts in stainless-steel vats, and raised on the lees in vat. Brezo Tinto is a fresh, ripe, floral, and spicy red wine to pair with meats of all kinds, especially sausages, game, and pork dishes.