



Descendientes de José Palacios

Pétalos from Descendientes de José Palacios is a vibrant and aromatic wine from Bierzo, expressing the depth of Mencía and the unique purity of this Spanish terroir.

Petalos 2021

Bierzo, Spain

Region and Vineyards

Pétalos comes from the **D.O. Bierzo** region in Spain, where vineyards are planted on steep, rocky **schist soils**. Here, vines take root deeply, extracting intense and concentrated flavors. Bierzo's climate is continental, moderated by Atlantic influences, which provides ideal conditions for the **Mencía grape (94%)**, complemented by **3% other red varieties and 3% white grapes**. The old vines produce aromatically rich grapes that capture the essence of wildflowers, fruit, and the Bierzo terroir.

Winemaking

The grapes are carefully **destemmed** and fermented in open wood and stainless steel tanks for **31 days**, with manual punch-downs to ensure a balanced and gentle extraction. After alcoholic fermentation, the wine undergoes **malolactic fermentation** in closed wooden and stainless steel tanks for **2 months**, which softens the acidity and adds a smooth texture. The wine then ages for **9 months in French oak barrels and bocoyes**, lending subtle oak aromas and enveloping tannins that balance its fruit-forward profile.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Complex aromas of wildflowers, red and dark fruits, complemented by herbal and mineral notes.
- **Palate:** Naturally fresh, with ripe fruit flavors and a marked floral profile. The integrated acidity is accompanied by soft, enveloping tannins, leading to a long finish that reflects the depth and intensity of Bierzo.

Did you know?

Pétalos is made from **old vines** grown on Bierzo's unique schist soils, and in 2015, it was recognized by **Robert Parker** as the world's best value wine. This wine reflects the artisanal approach and respect for terroir of Descendientes de José Palacios, one of Spain's most respected wineries.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Mencía



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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Salads with nuts and roasted vegetables:** The floral and fruity notes of the wine elevate the fresh, vegetal flavors of the salad.
- **Cecina (Spanish cured beef):** The soft, salty texture of this Spanish dried meat pairs perfectly with the wine's lively acidity.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthy tones of the mushrooms enhance the wine's mineral and herbal aromas.
- **Aged goat and cow cheeses:** The aromatic complexity of the wine complements the creamy texture and pronounced flavors of these cheeses.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2021)

The barrel sample of the 2021 Pétales was lower in alcohol than ever (13.5%), and the wine felt a bit reductive and needed time in the glass to open up. That's not a bad sign in my book, and the wine was lighter, a little narrower (a bit the style of the year), with finesse and freshness (despite not having high acidity, but it's the balance that makes it fresher), elegant and juicy, with very fine, chalky tannins. 2021 saw a good crop and, except for Las Lamas and La Faraona, volumes are similar, even a little more in Pétales, because the early-harvested vineyards delivered very healthy grapes and there was no need to discard or sort the grapes, which was not the case in the vineyards that were harvested late. There will be some 280,000 bottles, and the 2021s might also have a shorter élevage. Barrel Sample: 93-94



James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2021)

Tangy notes of white pepper, wild herbs and red berries. Hints of agave, too. Elegant and delineated on the palate with a medium body, where you find a fine wrap of chalky tannins to the nimble, elegant red berry fruit. (5/2023)



Wine Spectator (WS) : 92 Points (2021)

A bright, harmonious red, with savory notes of mineral and cigar box on the nose, transitioning on the silky, medium-bodied palate to accent flavors of crushed black raspberry, black olive and milled pepper. Reveals light, fine tannins on the finish.

