

# 2021 Nelias Mencia

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## Bodegas Firmo, Bierzo, Spain



### **The Wine:**

Made from 100% Mencia grapes grown on several small hillside plots near the town of Molinaseca, Spain. The soils of the vineyards have a high concentration of schist in them which tends to impart a minerality to the wines. This cooler climate region allows for slow ripening of the native Mencia grape. This wine was fermented and aged in stainless steel to preserve freshness and varietal purity. Only 1100 cases were produced.

### **The Estate:**

Bodegas Firmo is a small winery focused on producing limited quantities of terroir driven wines from the native varietals of the Bierzo DO. Sourcing grapes from small, local, sustainable growers, winemaker Fermin Rodriquez Uria crafts wines of unique character and authenticity. After working for many years as the winemaker at Domino de Tares, a larger winery where his father was the CEO and owner, he started Bodegas Firmo after his father passed away in 2012. His father's nickname was "Firmo" and the wines he makes pay tribute to his father.

### **Tasting Notes:**

**Color:** Cranberry-violet hue.

**Aromas:** Fresh, intense red raspberries and hints of minerals along with rose petals.

**Flavors and Texture:** Tart red and black berries mingle with floral notes. The vibrant and youthful acids along with mild tannins create a lively and lifted wine.

**Food pairing:** Fresh pasta served tossed with sundried tomatoes, sauteed spinach, lentils, olive oil and wine.

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