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2017 Losada Vinos de Finca, Bierzo

(£13.98, 14.5%, Jascots) [f](#) [t](#)

Sometimes called Pájaro Rojo because of its distinctive red bird label, this entry-point Mencía from Losada's winemaker Amancio Fernández Gómez is a wonderful example of a distinctive Spanish grape. Produced from old vines on clay soils – not the slate that's more common in Bierzo – this is plush, lightly oaked and comparatively ripe, with softer tannins and lower acidity than many of its competitors, but showing the variety's classic red berry fruit and herbal undertone. Appealingly refreshing for a wine with 14.5% alcohol.

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