

Prima 2018 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos San Roman is a family-owned winery that was founded by iconic winemaker Mariano Garcia in 1998 as Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos. His vision was to produce world class wines which balanced freshness and longevity in the bottle against the renowned power of the region's wines. The vineyards are planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, a local clone of Tempranillo that has adapted to the local region. In general, the vines offer smaller berries and bunches than Tempranillo in other regions, and yields wines that offer deep colors, intense aromas and robust structure.

Prima, their entry level wine, has started to incorporate a higher percentage of Garnacha in the blend and is now aged partially in large wooden vats as opposed to barrels.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	85% Tinto de Toro 15% Garnacha, 20–50-year-old vines, trained to wire and bush vines on sandy soils with clay in the subsoil
Altitude / Soil	700-800 meters / predominantly sandy clay with some stonier soils
Farming Methods	Practicing organic viticulture incorporating biodynamic principles
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Fermented with native microbes, short 3-day maceration with skins
Aging	Aged 14 months in 75% French and 25% American oak barrels and vats, all used
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437014707533 / 0128437014707537 / 12

Reviews: “Although this is the entry-level wine from Bodegas San Román, it would be a bad mistake to underestimate it, as it is exceptionally well made and among the very best wines made anywhere in the world at its price level. Although recent vintages are easier to enjoy when young, as they are less oaky... this is still a sturdy and serious wine that manifestly merits either cellaring or consumption upon release, and rewards either of these choices handsomely. Restaurant buyers should be particularly attentive to this, as the wine can be a hit on the floor as soon as it is delivered, but also improve almost however long it sits in inventory. My bottle was actually better 24 hours after being tasted initially, which is very impressive for a wine in this price category; the fruit was still fresh, the integration of fruit, wood, acidity and tannin was even more impressive, and the wine had picked up savory undertones that didn’t show as expressively immediately after opening. In sensory terms, this is really a medium-bodied wine that offers the aromatic and flavor impact of a full-bodied one, making for great versatility with food: it won’t overwhelm a dish based on pork or even chicken, but can pair beautifully with lamb or beef without being remotely washed out. Almost every \$25 wine should run and hide if threatened with a head-to-head comparison with this wine”

92 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz - Issue October 26, 2021

“The 2018 Prima’... is fermented with indigenous yeasts and was raised in combination of seventy-five percent French and twenty-five percent American oak, with all of the casks used. The wine comes in at 14.5 percent octane and offers up fine nose of black cherries, plums, cigar wrapper, a nice touch of soil and a gentle framing of nutty oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and rock solid at the core, with good focus and grip, fine nascent complexity and a long, ripely tannic and nicely balanced finish. This carries its octane very well indeed, and though there is a hint of backend heat, the wine will age very gracefully and is quite impressive. 2028-2055.”

92 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #91 Jan/Feb 2021

“The entry-level red is the 2018 Prima, and it's from a cool and rainy year that delivered a good crop and was picked from September 12th... It's creamy but has more integrated oak, as they now don't use any 225-liter barrels anymore. This has an approachable profile that is aromatic and floral, and it's juicy and has a succulent palate. It's fruit-driven and polished by one year in bottle. This has to be one of the finest Primas to date... 2021-2026.”

92 points Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate; Luis Gutiérrez - Issue #255 June 2021

“Saturated ruby. Cherry, floral and vanilla qualities on the nose, along with building spice and tobacco notes. Smooth and fleshy in style, showing good depth and appealing sweetness to the juicy, oak-spiced cherry and dark berry flavors. Finishes smooth and long, with repeating florality and gently firming tannins. 2022-2028.” **91 points Vinous;** Josh Reynolds – July 6, 2021 *Central Spain Additions*

