

# San Roman 2019 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 100 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo.

In recent years the winemaking team has, under Eduardo Garcia's (Mariano's son) direction, been producing wines in a fresher style, harvested at the optimum moment to balance freshness and richness. This leads off with intense attention to farming exceptional grapes using organic methods and some biodynamic concepts and practices.

Grapes for San Roman, their original wine, have been harvested earlier and see shorter maceration times during fermentation.

<b>Appellation</b>	Toro D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo), from ungrafted vines between 60-100 years old
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	700-850 meters / sand, clay and gravel, mostly with large surface stones
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic, incorporating some Biodynamic principles and practices
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 24 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 25% new
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack Size</b>	8437014707373 / 28437014707377 / 12

## Reviews:

"The 2019 rendition of this (consistently outstanding) wine is certainly up to past vintages, and may very well surpass the 2018, which was more open and less oaky when I tasted it in late October of 2021. I hasten to note that the fruit density of this 2019 is clearly up to the challenge of absorbing its oak load and attaining excellent equilibrium for many years thereafter. The fact remains that equilibrium will require more time for this wine to attain, so lucky readers who have access to both bottles would be well advised to uncork the 2018 first and hold this in reserve. It shows spicy, toasty oak notes with suggestions of freshly roasted coffee beans and cocoa powder around a core of intense dark cherry fruit. Tasted again after the bottle had been standing open and uncorked for 24 hours, the fruit hadn't dried out at all, and that underlines what a solid bet this is for positive development over time."

**94 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz -July 26, 2022

"The old vine San Román Tinto bottling comes in at 14.5 percent octane in the 2019 vintage. These organically-farmed bush vines range up to one hundred years of age. The wine's élevage is done in twenty-five percent new oak for two full years, with the casks a mix of French and American wood. The 2019 is deep, refined and complex aromatically, wafting from the glass in a blend of black cherries, a hint of pomegranate, dark soil tones, cigar wrapper, a touch of chocolate and a beautifully refined foundation of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, fullbodied, ripe and really quite beautifully balanced for its octane level, with a great core, fine soil signature and a long, ripely tannic and complex finish that closes with a trace of heat. This is still a big boy in terms of octane, but it is a stellar example of Toro. 2034-2080+"

**93+ points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #98 March/April 2022

"This time I also tasted two vintages of their flagship and eponymous wine, starting with the 2019 San Román, from a warm and dry vintage that resulted in an early harvest that started the 6th of September in San Román de Hornija. It comes from a selection of over 40-year-old ungrafted and head-pruned vines on stony soils with clay and limestone in different villages of the appellation. It fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in new and used 225- and 500-liter French and American oak barrels for 24 months. The wine feels quite marked by the élevage in oak, and the 14.5% alcohol seems to have extracted quite a lot of aromas and tannins from the barrels. It's warm and heady, ripe and voluptuous, with abundant but fine tannins and mellow acidity. 112,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in February 2020. Drink 2022-2029." **93 points The Wine Advocate;** Luis Gutierrez - January 2023

"This dark garnet-colored wine offers a nose of cherry preserves and anise. Juicy at first sip, it has flavors of pomegranate and cherry alongside notes of butterscotch, milk chocolate and orange zest. Tannins sneak onto the palate and linger into the enduring finish."

**93 points Wine Enthusiast;** Mike DeSimone - Issue May 2023

"This elegant red draws you into the glass with enticing aromas and flavors of ripe and macerated black cherry and black raspberry fruit, dark chocolate and Mediterranean herbs. Sculpted tannins and lively acidity trim and firm the flavor range. Long and finely knit, this echoes the herb, spice and mineral accents on the finish. Tinta de Toro. Drink now through 2030. 10,000 cases made, 1,000 cases imported."

**92 points Wine Spectator;** Oct.15, 2022

