

Descarte 2014 (red wine)



This Bodega, situated in the famous village of San Roman de Hornija, was founded in 2000 by winemaker Victoria Benavides. The winery is named after the former owner of the vineyard, Elias Mora. The arid, warm climate naturally limits production and produces concentrated grapes. Vines are trained in the traditional vaso or glass shape, which yields ideal results but requires extra work, by hand, for harvest and pruning. The philosophy of the winery revolves around combining a respect for tradition and modern technology. Victoria focuses exclusively on Tinta de Toro the native clone of Tempranillo which has been grown locally, with no exposure to phylloxera, for over 2000 years. Made entirely of estate fruit, this wine comes from 40 year old vines with north-facing orientation to produce freshness and red fruit focus on the nose.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinta de Toro, from a 40-year-old north oriented vineyard
Altitude / Soil	2,600 feet above sea level / clay and limestone rich soils
Farming Methods	Sustainable
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Fermentation takes place with native yeast/microbes in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged 12 months in French oak barrels

Reviews:

“Descarte is a new wine from one of Toro’s top producers, offering precise aromas of blackberry and cassis. The tight palate is ripped with tannic power—something that’s normal for the region—and offers chocolaty black-fruit flavors that are toasty and spicy, with a dry, peppery and tannic finish that lingers. Drink through 2026. Grapes of Spain.” Editors’ Choice. —M.S.

94 points *Wine Enthusiast*

“Opaque ruby. Heady aromas of fresh black and blue fruits, candied violet and vanilla, backed by a hint of incense. Supple and broad in the mouth, offering appealingly sweet, oak-spiced boysenberry, cherry and floral pastille flavors and a hint of cola. Closes with supple, sneaky tannins and excellent persistence, leaving behind sappy dark fruit, mocha and spicecake notes.”

92 points *Vinous Spain’s New Releases, Part 2: Triumphs and Travails – May 16, 2017*

“...The bouquet is deep, ripe and vibrant, offering up scents of black cherries, a touch of boysenberry, coffee grounds, gentle balsamic tones, cedar and a spicy topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, plush and full-bodied, with its octane pretty well-managed. There is excellent depth in the mid-palate, ripe, fairly well-integrated tannins and very good length and grip on the slightly warm finish. The wood tannins become a touch more prominent as this wine opens up with air, but today, I like the balance on the 2014 version...”

90 points *View from the Cellar*

