

Gran Elias Mora 2014 (Red Wine)



Gran Elias Mora is a very personal wine for winemaker Victoria Benavides. Every Christmas holiday, when the new vintage is safely in tank/barrel, the staff is on vacation and the winery is quiet she tastes through the previous vintage's barrels. Gran Elias Mora is produced from a selection of those barrels, sourced from 80 year old vines, which show specific a unique character; density, freshness, ability to age further in the barrel (as the wine now has only 12 months of oak exposure). The selected wine is aged for a further 5 months in barrel prior to blending and bottling.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinta de Toro, from the single, 80-year-old Senda del Lobo "Wolf's Path" vineyard
Altitude / Soil	750 meters / clay over limestone with sand and large stones on the surface
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested, at the end of September with very low yields of 15hl/ha
Production	Whole berries undergo a 3 day cold soak, 12 fermentation with skins
Aging	Aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 100% new
UPC / SCC / Pack	855012000995 // 6

Reviews:

"The 2014 Gran Tinto from Elias Mora is from their oldest parcel of vines, as these tempranillo vines are fully ninety years of age. This vineyard also sits up at elevation, being planted at seven hundred and fifty meters in a stony sand and clay soil foundation. The spends seventeen months in French casks prior to bottling and the 2014 is a full fifteen percent octane. It offers up deep and ripe bouquet of black cherries, dark berries, cigar ash, a good base of soil, spit-roasted meats and smoky oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and very nicely balanced, with a bottomless core, excellent focus and grip, ripe, well-integrated tannins and a long, complex and gently chewy finish. This is really good wine, and only shows a touch of backend heat, which is pretty remarkable for a wine that is fifteen percent alcohol! 2024-2050."

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