

# 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.

<b>Appellation</b>	Toro D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	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
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	700-800 meters / predominantly sandy clay with some stonier soils
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing organic viticulture incorporating biodynamic principles
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	Fermented with native microbes, short 3 day maceration with skins
<b>Aging</b>	Aged 14 months in 75% French and 25% American oak barrels and vats, all used
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437014707533 / 0128437014707537 / 12

*This vintage has not been scored yet, see review for Prima 2017 below:*

**Reviews:** "Taste this wine every year, and find it easy to recommend every year on account of its great consistency of style, but this 2017 stands as a departure. It is very ripe (but not pruny at all, nor hot with alcohol), and shows this in the form of very soft, succulent fruit that is much more open and flamboyant than usual. Additionally, this is the first release of the wine I've tasted that shows a slightly funky, earthy, Brettanomyces character, which actually makes the wine interestingly wild and more complex than usual. The Brett does not overwhelm the wine at all (just makes it seem French!), though it will make drinking this earlier rather than later advisable. That's hardly a sacrifice or a flaw, as the ripe fruit makes this totally enjoyable now. Food pairing? Easy: garlicky braised lamb shanks. Bingo!" **92 points Wine Review Online;** October 2020

"The entry-level 2017 Prima has meaty notes, hints of iron and soil. San Román had less influence from the killer frosts of the year, and the wines are not as structured. The grape harvest for this wine started in August, the earliest ever. Surprisingly enough, the wine is more aromatic and floral than ever, perhaps the influence of Garnacha. It has a serious, chalky palate, dry and tasty. A surprise for the vintage... It was bottled in February 2019. This matured in 500-liter barrels and foudres, and the oak is very integrated."

**91 points The Wine Advocate;** Issue #246 – December 2019

"The 2017 'Prima' Toro delivers straightforward dark fruits that meld with chocolate, tobacco leaf and damp earth on the palate. Full-bodied, with good acidity, enjoy this over the next five to seven years. Drink 2020-2027."

**90 points Washington Wine Blog;** Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

"The wine offers up a deep and ripe bouquet of black cherries, sweet dark berries, cigar ash, dark soil tones, pretty spice elements and a nice mix of French and American oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and shows nice spice tones from the Garnacha in the blend, with a fine core, ripe, buried tannins and just a bit of heat poking out on the long and nascently complex finish. This is listed at 14.5 percent octane and the bit of backend alcohol is the only element here that keeps the score down a hair, as it is a very well-made wine that just hails from a torrid and drought vintage, but at least the physiological ripeness here is excellent. 2025-2045."

**89+ points View from the Cellar;** Issue #86 - March/April 2020

"This red is plump and plush. It offers black cherry and currant flavors with notes of toast, spice and dried herbs.

Bright acidity balances smooth tannins. Generous. Tinta de Toro and Garnacha. Drink now through 2027.

17,916 cases made, 3,000 cases imported." **89 points Wine Spectator;** November 2020

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