

# 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

## Reviews:

“The 2018 Prima’ bottling from Bodegas San Roman is composed of a blend of eightyfive percent tempranillo and fifteen percent garnacha. The vines range from twenty to fifty years of age, are farmed organically and are in conversion to biodynamics. The wine 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 January/February 2021

