

# Prima 2019 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinos San Roman is a family-owned winery that was founded by iconic winemaker Mariano Garcia in 1998 as Bodegas y Vinos 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 Size</b>	8437014707533 / 0128437014707537 / 12

## Reviews:

“Fruit of the wood, toffee and clove aromas prepare the taste buds for fruit of the wood, caramel, cocoa powder and anisette flavors wrapped in a layer of polished tannins. A nice note of espresso appears on the lingering finish. Grapes of Spain. .”

**92 points Wine Enthusiast;** Mike Desimone - Advance Buying Guide October 2023

“Like everything else in an environment where inflation is running at 9%, this wine is a bit more expensive than it may have been when you last purchased it, but it seems more pure and polished in almost every successive vintage, and the value of “Prima” is increasing — not decreasing. The blend now includes 15% Garnacha, which seems unlikely in Toro, but this house’s varietal Garnacha is wonderful, as it its effect on this wine. More supple and succulent than most previous vintages, this still shows admirable concentration and flavor impact, with dark cherry and berry fruit notes tinged with some red and blue tones as well — not to mention some alluring savory accents that are already emerging and lending real complexity at this early stage. Sheesh — for 25 bucks, this should shame almost all of its competitors into hiding.”

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

“The 2019 ‘Prima’ is a gorgeous new wine by San Roman. On the nose this takes on layers of toasty oak alongside ripe blue fruits and serious finesse. Finishing long, this is sturdy and dense Toro wine to consume over the next seven years. Drink 2022-2029” **92 points OwenBargreen.com;** Owen Bargreen - August 18, 2022

“The 2019 Prima’ bottling from Bodegas San Román is their “young vine” cuvée, as these organically-farmed vines range from fifteen to fifty years of age! The cépages includes fifteen percent Garnacha to go along with the Tempranillo, and the wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised in a combination of seventy-five percent French and twenty-five percent American oak vessels for fourteen months prior to bottling. The wine offers up a bit of smoked meat tones from the inclusion of the Garnacha, with scents of dark berries, black cherries, a touch of leather, meaty elements, cigar smoke and spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, ripe and complex, with a fine core of fruit, ripe, well-integrated tannins and a long, balanced finish that shows a bit of backend heat on the close. This is a very well-made bottle of Toro, but it strikes me as perhaps a touch higher in octane than its stated 14.5 percent. 2030-2075.”

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

