

San Roman Garnacha 2021 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos San Roman was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 140 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo. The winemaking team has, under Eduardo Garcia's (Mariano's son) direction, been producing wines in a fresher style, harvested at the optimum moment to balance freshness and richness. This leads off with intense attention to farming exceptional grapes using organic methods and some biodynamic practices. There is a new San Roman varietal Garnacha, as the grape has finally been allowed by the appellation of origin for mono-varietal wines.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha, from 60-year-old bush vines
Altitude / Soil	710 meters / poor, loose, sandy soils in Los Almendros (Villaester)
Farming Methods	Certified Organic and working with Biodynamic methods
Harvest	Hand harvested in 12 Kg boxes
Production	Fermented with full clusters and natural yeasts
Aging	Aged in 500-litre French oak barrels for 19 months
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8437014707649 / 18437014707646 / 3

Reviews:

"The 2021 Garnacha San Román is sourced in Toro and was partially fermented with stems. Garnet in color. The herbal nose also features black tea, dried flowers and sour cherry over a tutti-frutti note. Dry and compact on the palate, the fairly unctuous mouthfeel is lifted by a juicy flow. This is a delicate and flavorful red."

94 points Vinous Media; Joaquin Hidalgo; Reds From Toro: Old Vines and New Knowhow (Dec 2023)

"As I have mentioned in the past, the Garnacha from Bodegas San Román is made from over sixty year-old bush vines, planted in an organically-farmed vineyard that lies at over seven hundred meters elevation in Toro. The wine is fermented with one hundred percent whole clusters, with indigenous yeasts and aged for a year and a half in five hundred liter puncheons. The 2021 Garnacha comes in at 14.5 percent octane and offers up a superb, complex bouquet of red and black raspberries, smoked meats, garrigue, stony soil tones, a touch of fruitcake and a very discreet framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and rock solid at the core, with fine mineral undertow, ripe, chewy tannins, impressive balance and a long, complex and very promising finish. This is going to be an outstanding bottle of Garnacha once it is ready to drink, but it will need a good decade in the cellar to soften up its chassis of tannin. 2034-2075+."

93 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman; Issue 109, January – February 2024

