

San Roman 2016 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 100 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo.

In recent years 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 concepts and practices.

Grapes for San Roman, their original wine, have been harvested earlier and see shorter maceration times during fermentation.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo), from ungrafted vines between 60-100 years old
Altitude / Soil	700-850 meters / sand, clay and gravel, mostly with large surface stones
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic, incorporating some Biodynamic principles and practices
Harvest	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
Production	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
Aging	Aged for 24 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 25% new
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437014707373 / 28437014707377 / 12

Reviews:

"The 2016 Bodegas San Roman Toro follows the really impressive line of San Roman wines over the past decade. Needing a two hour decant to fully evolve, once on the nose you are impressed by the intensity of not only massive dark fruits but non-fruit aromatics of tar, sandalwood and leather that combine with shades of damp earth. The palate is plush, with silky tannins and toasty oak that are artfully woven into the core of blackberry cobbler, blueberry cordial, mocha, and creosote tones. Showing a great feeling of range, with vibrant acidity, a light dusting of salinity and excellent weight, the 2016 Bodegas San Roman Toro will enjoy an exceedingly long life ahead of it. Drink 2020-2038." **95 points** *Washington Wine Blog*; Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

"The 2016 San Román was cropped from a generous vintage, which meant great balance in the grapes, good freshness, very fine tannins and less concentration. Having said that, I think the wine has great aging potential; it's not really a light wine (it's Toro after all), and it has structure and good grip and a classical profile, still quite generously oaked and in need of some time in bottle. They used a small percentage of 500-liter barrels for the élevage of some plots. It should turn into a very classical García wine with a few years in bottle. 100,000 bottles produced. It matures in oak for two years. It was bottled in January 2019."

94 points *The Wine Advocate*; December 2019

"The 2016 San Román Tinto, which is the winery's flagship bottling, is comprised from one hundred percent old vine Tempranillo, with the vines ranging from sixty to more than ninety years of age, with all of these vineyards certified organically-farmed. The wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised in a combination of three-quarters French oak and one-quarter American casks, with both two hundred and twenty-five and five hundred liter barrels utilized. Only twenty-five percent of the oak is new. The wine offers up a superb bouquet, wafting from the glass in a mix of black cherries, black plum, Cuban cigar, a touch of anise, clove-like spice tones, a fine base of soil and a very refined foundation of new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and impressively transparent for its octane level (it is listed at 14.5 percent, but carries it seamlessly and seems cooler in the mouth), with a great core of fruit, impeccable focus and balance and a very long, ripely tannic and very classy finish. This is one of the best young examples of Toro I have tasted in ages, but one would expect this from a winery founded by Mariano Garcia (of Vega Sicilia fame) and now run by his two sons, Alberto and Eduardo Garcia! 2030-2055+." **94 points** *View from the Cellar*; Issue #86 - March/April 2020

"Lovely bright fruit on display here, ranging from elderberries to blueberries to blackberries with lavender undertones. Medium-bodied with some really firm tannins and quite structured on the finish. Drink now."

92 points *JamesSuckling.com*; July 2019

