

# Cartago Paraje del Pozo 2019 (Red Wine)



Bodegasy Vinedos San Roman is a family-owned winery that was founded by iconic wine-maker Mariano Garcia in 1998 as Bodegasy Vinedos Maurodos. His vision was to produce world class wines which balanced freshness and longevity in the bottle against the renown power of the region's wines. In recent years the winemaking team, under Eduardo's direction, has 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. In 2017, they released their first single vineyard "reserve" wine called Cartago Paraje de Pozo, which comes from a plot of 45-year-old vines on very sandy soils and sees extended aging in oak barrels.

<b>Appellation</b>	Toro D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	90% Tinta de Toro and 10% Other grape varieties, from an own-rooted, 45-year-old, single parcel
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	700+ meters / sandy, loose textured soil over clay sub-soil
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic, incorporating some Biodynamic principles and practices
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
<b>Aging</b>	Aged in new and used French oak barrels for 36 months

## Reviews:

"Now at 5.5 years of age since the fruit was picked, this is already a showstopper of a wine that has a solid two decades of positive development ahead of it. Reasonably expressive right after the cork was pulled, I could tell from what it was showing (and also the track record of preceding vintages) that it held much more in store, so I gave it a vigorous double-decanting. Sure enough, that brought out more notes of dark berries and cherries as well as savory notes recalling tobacco leaves to accompany the oak-based notes of toast, baking spices and damp earth. It is very nearly full-bodied, but if high-end Napa Cabs are what you think of as "full-bodied," then this is a bit more moderate in physical weight. But lest you find that underwhelming, this is an example of how great Tempranillo can deliver flavors that are every bit as impactful as those Cabs, but in a more modest profile that makes them more broadly useful. For the next few years, it would make sense to serve this with lamb or beef, but if you can cellar this for at least five years (and preferably twice or three times that long), this will sing with veal or pork or duck confit. Wow, what a wine".

**97 Wine Review Online**-Michael Franz- May 7, 2025

"2019 was milder in Toro than in Ribera del Duero, but a lack of rain meant lower yields of ripe grapes, which produced a powerful, deep and precise 2019 Cartago Paraje del Pozo that is elegant, concentrated and polished, with integrated oak after almost two years in bottle. It comes from a Tinta de Toro single vineyard that was planted ungrafted on sandy soils at 700 meters above sea level and is worked organically. Yields are 2,500 kilograms per hectare (low), and the grapes were picked on September 19, after which the destemmed grapes fermented with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel for 15 days. It matured in new and used French oak barrels for 30 months. This epitomizes the house style with power, elegance and balance—terrific balance—complexity, depth and, I think, aging potential. 3,500 bottles produced. It was bottled in July 2022. 2024 - 2040".

**96 points The Wine Advocate**; Luis Gutierrez – June 13, 2024.

"A structured red, whose thick, creamy texture carries well-meshed flavors of black cherry compote, crème de cassis, Mediterranean macchia, espresso and graphite. Firm and focused, offering good integration and balance, this opens nicely in the glass, with the chewy finish showing loamy earth and spice notes. Best from 2027 through 2034."

**93 points Wine Spectator**; A.N. April 2024

"...The 2019 version tips the scales at 14.5 percent alcohol and offers up a deep, ripe and complex nose of sweet dark berries, cassis, cigar ash, dark soil tones, coffee bean and smoky new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, broad-shouldered, full-bodied and nicely ripe, with a rock solid core of fruit, good soil undertow, firm, chewy tannins and fine length and grip on the long, well balanced and youthful finish. This is another excellent bottle in the making, but its extra year in cask seems to have given it a bit of backend wood tannin that will prolong its period of hibernation. 2036-2080."

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

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