

# 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

“The entry-level red is the 2018 Prima, and it's from a cool and rainy year that delivered a good crop and was picked from September 12th. It's a blend of Tinta de Toro (a.k.a. Tempranillo) and 15% Garnacha and other varieties, and it fermented in 12,500-liter stainless steel vats with indigenous yeasts and matured in oak barrels and foudres for 14 months. It's creamy but has more integrated oak, as they now don't use any 225-liter barrels anymore. This has an approachable profile that is aromatic and floral, and it's juicy and has a succulent palate. It's fruit-driven and polished by one year in bottle. This has to be one of the finest Primas to date. 200,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in May 2020. 2021-2026.”

**92 points** *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*; Luis Gutiérrez - Issue #255 June 2021

“Saturated ruby. Cherry, floral and vanilla qualities on the nose, along with building spice and tobacco notes. Smooth and fleshy in style, showing good depth and appealing sweetness to the juicy, oak-spiced cherry and dark berry flavors. Finishes smooth and long, with repeating florality and gently firming tannins. 2022-2028.”

**91 points** *Vinous*; Josh Reynolds – July 6, 2021 *Central Spain Additions*

