

# San Roman 2021 (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.

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

## Reviews:

"...The San Román Tinto is raised for two years in barrel, with both American and French oak used for the barrels. Twenty-five percent of the barrels new for each vintage. The 2021 vintage of San Román Tinto tips the scales at 14.5 percent octane this year and delivers a deep, pure and gorgeous bouquet of black cherries, cassis, a touch of currant leaf, dark soil tones, cigar wrapper, violets and nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is focused, full-bodied, ripe and pure, with beautiful depth of fruit at the core, lovely soil inflection and grip, fine-grained tannins, lovely balance and a long, nascently complex and very refined, young finish. This carries its alcohol quite well indeed, with only the very faintest hint of backend heat, and will clearly age long and gracefully. Like the 2020 version, this is one of the greatest young wines I have ever tasted from Toro!" **95 points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman; Issue 109, Jan –Feb 2024

"This is among the handful of finest wines from the D.O. of Toro, and as such, one of the best from Spain. I have been fortunate to taste almost every vintage released since the winery was founded in the late 1990s, but what is important about that is that I've never tasted any vintage that seemed to be fading due to the passing of time. The first releases were sometimes rather oaky and hard when released, but more recently, the oak has been more subdued and the wines more approachable in their youth. This 2021 vintage seemed to be quite oaky when poured immediately after opening, but after only a few minutes in a large glass, that impression gave way to a much more multi-dimensional presentation with dark-toned fruit out front and some nascent savory complexities. These include herbal and spicy notes as well as ones more reminiscent of leather and tobacco leaf along with a streak that seems more akin to cocoa. Time in bottle will only make this better over the years ahead, but for those who don't have cellars or decades of time to wait, rest assured that it can be enjoyed now after a vigorous decanting and a pairing with braised or grilled meats or aged cheeses. Not to be missed if you can find it, but this and enjoy it as your preferences and patience permit". **95 points Wine Review Online**; Michael Franz, Aug 2025

"A rich, stylish red, with lavish notes of oak spice, vanilla and medicinal herbs and spices accenting glossy black cherry, blueberry and blackberry paste fruit flavors. Though there's a flamboyant edge, this is focused and well-structured, with integrated, fine-grained tannins and lively tangerine peel acidity. The long, expressive finish echoes the generous profile. Best from 2026 through 2036. 10,000 cases made, 700 cases imported". **94 points Wine Spectator**; Alison Napjus – Issue July 31, 2024.

"The very classical 2021 San Román showcases the house style of ripe, concentrated and generously oaked reds made from Tempranillo (or Tinta de Toro) grapes but with the balance and poise to develop and integrate the oak with time in bottle. Furthermore, 2021 was a great vintage in the zone for them—cooler, with adequate rain and excellent balance between acidity, alcohol (14.5%) and structure. It matured in French oak barrels of different sizes and aged for 24 months. It has notes of black fruit, hints of graphite, licorice and ink and a medium to full-bodied palate with very fine, elegant and polished tannins. 120,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in December 2023."

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

