

# San Roman 2020 (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 2020 San Román, according to winemaker Alberto García, aims to "flatten the Michelin," referring to Toro's rich style. This garnet wine presents sour cherry aromas intertwined with oak, vanilla and wild herb notes. Dry, creamy and juicy on the palate, this taut red offers a structured mouthfeel with a subtle lactic texture. This is a fresh style for the region."

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

"2020 Bodega San Roman Toro- A magnificent effort, the 2020 San Roman is vibrant, polished and lithe, with gobs of stuffing and mouth-watering acidity. Baking spices, espresso grounds and milk chocolate notes all fill the nose with shades of huckleberry. The palate is dense and rich with fantastic underlying tension. Really needing a few years to evolve, enjoy now and over the next twenty years to come. Drink 2024-2044"

**95 points OwenBargreen.com;** Owen Bargreen - October, 2023

"Bodegas San Román, Toro (Castilla y León, Spain) "San Román" 2020 (\$70, Aurelio Cabestrero / Grapes of Spain): This is consistently one of Spain's best wines. Although dozens of others are more expensive, the number that are better, more consistent, and enjoyable over a very long term is close to zero. It has not suffered at all from the introduction of another release from this bodega above this wine's level, namely, "Cartago Paraje del Pozo," which is truly marvelous. Common sense would tell you that such a move would suck much of the best juice out of this wine, and that the ratio of the very best French Oak barriques used for it would go down, but you'd be less than half right on both counts. Very little Cartago Paraje del Pozo is made, and this "San Román" bottling remains ultra-serious, concentrated, and complex, but with a little less new oak showing in the finished wine than in some previous vintages. San Román is better than ever in recent years, all things considered, as it is more enjoyable early on, while still having plenty of spice from oak and just a touch of extra grip from wood tannin. This vintage is among the most complete and convincing ever made, with plush but moderately ripened fruit, very well measured toast and spice notes, and superb texture that manages to seem both sturdy and silky after an hour of airing. This is phenomenal Tempranillo." **95 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz - May 16, 2023

"The flagship bottling of San Román is composed entirely from old vine tempranillo, with these vines sixty to over one hundred years of age! The farming is certified organic and again, incorporating some biodynamic principles. The wine is aged for two years in cask, made both from American and French wood, with one quarter of the barrels new for each vintage. The wine offers up a stunning young nose, soaring from the glass in a mix of black cherries, sweet cassis, cigar wrapper, a lovely touch of tempranillo spice tones, dark chocolate, a fine base of soil and nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and extremely elegant in profile for Toro, with a lovely core of fruit, great soil signature and grip, ripe, fine-grained tannins and a very long, complex and impeccably balanced finish. This is one of the finest young examples of Toro I have ever tasted! The wine is 14.5 percent octane, but relatively light on its feet and is going to be absolutely magnificent once it is fully mature. 2033-2085."

**95+ points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #103 January-February 2023

