San Roman Garnacha 2022 (Red Wine)

Bodegas y Vinedos San Roman was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 140 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo. 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 practices. There is a new San Roman varietal Garnacha, as the grape has finally been allowed by the appellation of origin for mono-varietal wines.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha, from 60-year-old bush vines
Altitude / Soil	710 meters / poor, loose, sandy soils in Los Almendros (Villaester)
Farming Methods	Certified Organic and working with Biodynamic methods
Harvest	Hand harvested in 12 Kg boxes
Production	Fermented with full clusters and natural yeasts
Aging	Aged in 500-litre French oak barrels for 19 months
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8437014707649 / 18437014707646 / 3

Reviews:

"The 2022 Garnacha from Bodegas San Román comes in at 14.5 percent octane and is an absolutely superb bottle of wine. The bodegas' Garnacha hails from a parcel of sixty-plus year-old bush vines, farmed organically and lying at an elevation of over seven hundred meters. The wine is fermented with whole clusters, native yeasts and aged eighteen months in five hundred liter puncheons prior to bottling. The 2022 version delivers a deep and classy aromatic constellation of red and black raspberries, pepper, grilled venison, a fine base of stony soils, a fine array of spice tones, a dollop of oak influence and a topnote of distant bonfire. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, ripe and chewy, with a great core of fruit, fine soil inflection, firm tannins and a long, nascently complex and very well balanced finish. This is going to be superb wine, but it needs a decade to soften up its tannins before it will start to drink with generosity. Think of it as the Château Rayas of Toro! 2035-2075."
94 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman-Issue #117 May-June, 2025

"The palest of the reds is the 2022 Garnacha, produced with the grapes from their vineyard Los Almendros. It has a Mediterranean nose closer to a Châteauneuf than a Priorat, with berry fruit and aromatic herbs and a spicy twist, juicy, subtle and fine-boned. It's quite primary and varietal, ripe without excess, with 14.5% alcohol and keeping very good freshness (pH is 3.5). The tannins are fine, and the finish is clean and elegant, with an ethereal quality that surprised me. 3,000 bottles produced. it was bottled in May 2024."
94 points The Wine Advocate; Luis Gutierrez; June 19, 2025

"The 2022 San Roman Garnacha comes from a vineyard planted in 1964 in Toro. It was fermented with 75% whole bunches and was aged in 500-liters barrels. The nose offers liqueur-like fruit, rose petals, a jammy touch, and an herbal hint. The palate is juicy, with earthy texture and fine but compact tannins. Flavorful and intense".
93 points Vinous Media; Joaquin Hidalgo, Jun 2025