

# San Roman Malvasia 2019 (White 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% Malvasia Castellana from the 60-year-old <i>El Pinar</i> vineyard
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	/ sandy, alluvial deposited soils
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Organic farming, Biodynamic practices
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small bins
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and saw overnight skin contact to increase aromatic intensity, fermented with native yeast in 500L barrels
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 10 months with periodic lees stirring
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437014707625 / N/A / 12

## Reviews:

"This is the only white wine that I can recall every tasting from Toro, and I was very happy to see that the 2019 version was a superb follow-up to the exceptional 2018 vintage of this cuvee. As I mentioned last year, this wine is made from sixty year-old Malvasia vines grown in the organically-farmed El Pinar vineyard; the wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and aged for ten months in French demi-muids prior to bottling. The 2019 comes in at 13.5 percent octane and delivers a superb bouquet of breadfruit, lemon peel, a touch of green olive, salty soil tones, wild fennel and a topnote of menthol. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, deep and complex, with a superb core, lovely soil signature and grip, good acids and a very long, beautifully balanced and classy finish. 2021-2035."

**94 points** *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman - Issue #91 January/February 2021

"2019 was a low-yielding vintage, and the 2019 Malvasia is the third vintage of this white from San Román that is produced with Malvasia Castellana grapes, which are not as aromatic as other Malvasia varieties. It comes from a 60-year-old organically farmed vineyard called El Pinar on sandy soils where they also apply biodynamics. It fermented in 500-liter oak barrels, where the wine matured for 10 months with two bâtonnages per month. It has moderate alcohol and a very healthy pH. It's not a very floral variety and is more like the Doña Blanca, somewhat austere and shows the soils where it's planted. 2019 follows the line of 2015, with a little more freshness, and the wine is ripe but without excess. It has some aromas of dried herbs and spices and is clean and more expressive and open than the previous years, approachable but serious. It has a harmonious palate with integrated oak and with a salty touch on the finish. It's very balanced and elegant, subtle rather than exuberant. 2,400 bottles were filled in July 2020. 2021-2025."

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

