

San Roman 2007



Winery: Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos

Region: Toro D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinta de Toro

Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos owns 55 hectares in the villages of Villaester and San Roman de Hornija, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, which comes from the same family as Tempranillo, but adapted to Toro over centuries. This adaptation has led to smaller berries which in turn lead to deeper color and more intense aroma and structure than typical of Tempranillo from other regions. It is possible to separate two different soil areas, in Villaester the soil has sand and clay with some gravels, while in San Roman the soil is more stony. Grapes mature sooner in San Roman than Villaester. The vines range in age up to 70 years old and are pruned to grow as bushes rather than on vertical trellises. On the vines the grapes hang low under

a rounded canopy of leaves that protects them from scorching summer temperatures. This type of pruning concentrates the flavor of the grapes as it naturally limits the yield of grapes for each vine.

Wine: After a warm and mild winter followed by a rainy spring, the summer was characterized by low temperatures. The grapes matured slowly during the month of September due to the contrast of the day and nighttime temperatures. Harvest began on September 15th in stages based on the maturation of the vines.

All fruit was hand harvested with different vineyard plots being vinified separately to respect the characteristics of the different terroirs. The wine was fermented / macerated for 20 days and aged for 25 months in French oak barrels of different ages. Bottled without filtration.

Reviews:

“The 2007 San Roman is 100% Tinta de Toro aged for 25 months in seasoned French oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it gives up an already complex bouquet of toasty oak, pencil lead, damp earth, licorice, tapenade, and blackberry. Layered and multi-dimensional on the palate, it lacks the power of a great vintage such as 2009 but the result is a more immediately friendly wine that can be enjoyed from 2015 to 2022 if not longer.”

93 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

“This expressive red shows plenty of oak, with cocoa and coffee flavors, but the ripe, bright core of plum, blueberry and cassis keeps it all balanced, with rich, well-integrated tannins matched by fresh acidity. Best from 2014 through 2024.”

93 points *Wine Spectator* September 2011



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