

# San Roman 2018 (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 flagship bottling from Bodegas San Román is made entirely from Tempranillo vines, bush-trained and ranging from sixty to fully one hundred years of age. They are farmed certified organic..... The 2018 San Román comes in at 14.5 percent alcohol and delivers a deep and very refined nose of black cherries, plums, cigar wrapper, a touch of bitter chocolate, dark soil tones, gentle spice tones and a well-done framing of cedary new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full bodied, focused and complex, with a beautiful core of fruit, fine soil signature, ripe, firm tannins and a long, ripe and complex finish of impressive backend polish. This is one of the best bottlings of Toro that I am aware and the 2018 is excellent... 2030-2080+.”

**95 points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #98 March-April 2022

“This is – and has been for two decades – one of Spain’s finest bodegas, and yet all the wines continue to show improvement,.... This is a highly expressive wine in the vintage, showing wine assures a full decade of positive development.... The crucial indication that this will develop from something extremely promising into something truly terrific shows up in the finish: the pure midpalate fruit notes initially give way to tannin and wood-derived astringency, but then the fruit re-asserts itself and smooths out the long finish, leaving ripe fruit flavors rather than wood or tannins as the last sensory impression. Very impressive.” **95 points Michael Franz** - October 26, 2021

“Aromas of blackberry, cocoa powder and caramel prep the palate for flavors of blackberry, cassis, butterscotch, mint and rose petal. Hearty tannins and notes of butterscotch power into the persistent finish.”

**94 points Wine Enthusiast;** Mike DeSimone - Issue May 2023

“The 2018 San Román was produced with Tinta de Toro grapes ... The grapes are from different organically farmed vineyards .... It matured in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 24 months. This is very young,.. But 2018 has to be one of the finest vintages here; the oak is quite dominant and tannic, but the freshness and balance will make it develop beautifully in bottle. It has ripeness and black fruit and is spicy, with a touch of licorice and ink. This wine has a lot of everything! It’s one of the years with more acidity since they started here in 1997... 2023-2030. **94+ points The Wine Advocate;** Luis Gutiérrez – Parker ‘s Issue #255 June 2021

