

# San Roman Garnacha 2020 (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.

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

## Reviews:

The one red in the portfolio that has a very different profile from the rest is the 2020 Garnacha, a bright ruby-colored varietal wine with a perfumed, floral and decadent nose a little à la Rayas with cherries in liqueur. It has a medium body, fine tannins and a juicy texture, but it's obviously young and undeveloped with primary notes and baby fat. It has 14% alcohol and a pH of 3.6, very integrated, with almost unperceivable oak after 19 months in 500-liter French oak barrels. 2,754 bottles were filled in May 2022. Drink 2023-2029.

**94 points The Wine Advocate;** Luis Gutierrez – January 2023

"The 2020 Garnacha from San Román is another truly exceptional example of old vine grenache and this has to be one of the very best wines made out of this varietal in the world these days. These organically farmed vines are more than sixty years of age and sit at an elevation of over seven hundred meters above sea level. The wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts, one hundred percent whole cluster and aged for a year and a half in French oak demi-muids prior to bottling. The wine is a full point lower in octane in 2020 than it was in 2019, coming in at fourteen percent alcohol and offering up a beautifully precise bouquet of raspberries, cherries, smoked meats, pepper, garrigue, woodsmoke, a lovely base of soil, a touch of celery seed and a very discreet framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and nicely soil-driven, with a potentially sappy core of fruit, ripe tannins, tangy acids and excellent balance on the long, complex and very classy finish. This is a properly structured young wine and will need plenty of time in the cellar to soften up its tannins, but it is going to be a stunning wine once it is ready to drink. 2033-2080.." **92 points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #103 January-February 2023

Vibrant Garnacha, fermented in stainless steel and aged in French barrique. Expressive nose with transparent cranberry and red cherry aromas. Elegant, balanced and very approachable, with firm yet smooth tannins. The generous red fruit has a zesty refreshing twist of blood orange and a spicy lining of black and white pepper. Beautiful finish with lingering garrigue and a pleasant grip in the tip of the tongue.

**92 points Decanter Magazine;** February 2023

