

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.

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:

"... On account of all this, almost nothing could prepare you for this wine, which is wonderfully lithe and fresh and bright and even delicate — though it has a sneaky power that shows itself only after multiple sips and especially after tasting the wine with food. It really is a medium-bodied wine — though at the lighter end of that category — but one that offers much more flavor impact than one would expect. These are based on beautiful aromas and flavors recalling red cherries and raspberries, with intricacies that could also be likened to strawberries or cranberries, but this is its own thing, prompting me to remind the reader that all of these descriptors are mere analogies. San Román is one of Spain's best bodegas, and though you could get the idea that this is just a flirtation with a variety that is "fun" for them to make, they've made terrific but small releases of this (as well as Malvasia) for years now. The wines are terrific, and they warrant the search that will be necessary to find them. "

94 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz Aug 1, 2023

"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

"2020 San Roman Garnacha- The astonishingly good 2020 San Roman Garnacha is soft and voluptuous on the mouth with a smooth texture. A beautiful purity of red fruits greets you, alongside salty soils, orange peel and suggestions of cardamom. Sexy, salty and very fresh, this is a gorgeous, highly novel Garnacha that will satisfy Grenache-lovers across the globe. Drink 2023-2035"

94 points OwenBargreen.com; Owen Bargreen - October, 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."

94 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #103 January/February 2023.

