

Elias Mora Crianza 2008



Winery: Bodegas Elias Mora

Region: Toro D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinta de Toro

Winery: This Bodega, situated in the famous village of San Roman de Hornija, was started by the two Victorias; Victoria Benavides and Victoria Pariente. The vision for the project included production of both white wines from Rueda and red wines from Toro. Recently, the Victorias have separated their winemaking facilities, with the Bodega in Toro renamed Bodegas Elias Mora, to better concentrate on production of each type of wine to its highest possible quality.

The winery owns 8 Ha. (17.6 acres) of vineyards, including the “Los Pajaros vineyard” and “La Veleta” as well as a few small plots owned by farmers, also planted in San Roman de la

Hornija. The vines are planted at 2,600 feet above sea level. The soil comprises clay and limestone with big stones on the surface. The winery is named after Elias Mora, the man who owned some of the core vineyards for the production of the Victoria’s red wine. A few years ago, he sold his vineyard to Dos Victorias on the condition that he tend the vineyard until his death.

Wine: Harvested at the end of September. The wine was fermented in small stainless steel tanks for 22 days. After the malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged for 12 months in second-fill American and French oak barrels. Clarification with egg whites was done before bottling. The wine was bottled without filtration or stabilization.

Reviews:

“It offers up aromas of balsamic, balsam wood, blackberry, tar, and licorice. Dense, rich, savory, and nicely proportioned, this lengthy effort will continue to fill out for another 1-2 years and provide enjoyment through 2020.”

90 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

“This firm, solid red offers expressive flavors of mineral, smoke, blackberry, herb and licorice. A big wine that remains balanced. Best from 2012 through 2020.”

90 points *Wine Spectator* September 2011

“Aromas of cherry pit, redcurrant, licorice and dark chocolate. Supple and dense but fresh, offering spicy red and black fruits, fresh herbs and mounting spiciness. This youthful, tightly wound wine finishes with firm, ripe tannins and very good persistence.”

90(+?) points *International Wine Cellar* issue 158 Sept/Oct 2011



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