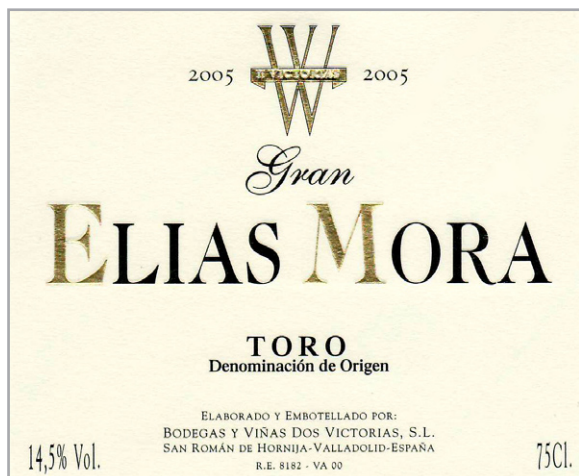


# Gran Elias Mora 2005



**Winery:** Elias Mora

**Region:** Toro D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tinta de Toro (Old Vines)

**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:** The vines from which this wine comes are more than 70 years old and are located in the Senda del Lobo, one of the most respected and famous vineyards of San Roman de la Hornija. This wine is only produced in exceptional vintages. After 12 months in new French oak barrels there is a selection of barrels with an additional 5 months for the selected lots; wine spends a total of 17 months in oak. Fined with egg whites and bottled unfiltered.

## Reviews:

“Purple/black in color, it offers a distinguished bouquet of pain grille, scorched earth, violets, lavender, blackberry, and licorice. This leads to a powerful, full-bodied, opulent wine with layers of flavor and lots of ripe tannin. The wine is balanced but will require patience. At least a decade of cellaring is warranted and it should continue to drink well through 2035.”

**93+ points** *Wine Advocate* issue 175 February ‘08

“Hugely aromatic, alluring bouquet of blackberry and cherry compote, with suave oak spices and cured tobacco adding complexity. Lush and creamy on the palate, with slow-building acidity contributing energy and cut to the sweet dark berry and candied cherry flavors. Tannins build on the finish, which strongly echoes the sweet dark berry qualities. This is already really seductive.”

**93 points** *International Wine Cellar* issue 140 Sept/Oct ‘08

“This red has an iron grip now, but there’s impressive concentration, and once the tannins release it shows rich cassis, coffee, anise and tar notes that unfold on the finish. Great density and balance.” *Wine Spectator Insider Hot Wine*

**95 points** *Wine Spectator* November 30 ‘08



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