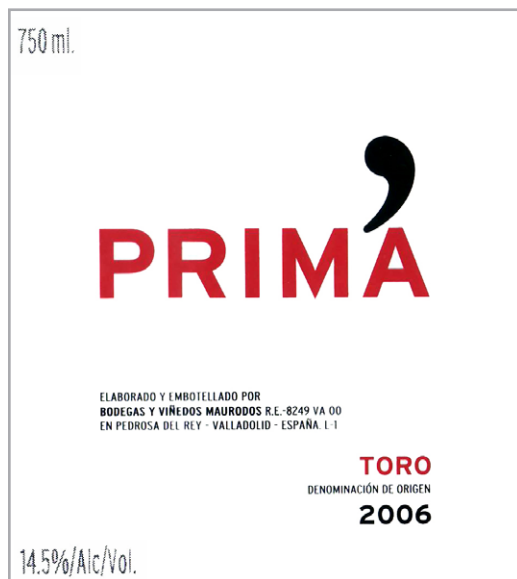


Prima 2006



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos

Region: Toro D.O.

Grapes: 90% Tinta de Toro, 10% Garnacha

Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos owns 55 hectares in the villages of Villaester and San Roman de Hornija, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, which come from the same family as Tempranillo, but adapted to Toro over centuries. This adaptation has led to smaller berries which in turn lead to deeper color and more intense aroma and structure than typical of Tempranillo from other regions. It is possible to separate two different soil areas, in Villaester the soil has sand and clay with some gravels, while in San Roman the soil is more stony. Grapes mature sooner in San Roman than Villaester. The vines range in age up to 70 years old and are pruned to grow as bushes rather than on vertical trellises. On the vines the grapes hang low under a rounded canopy of leaves that protects them from scorching summer temperatures.

This type of pruning concentrates the flavor of the grapes as it naturally limits the yield of grapes for each vine.

Wine: The grapes for Prima are sourced from vines aged 5-25 years old from the villages of San Roman de Hornija, Villaster and Morales. Harvested by hand and selection of grapes in the vineyard. The wine is fermented in temperature controlled, conical, stainless steel tanks which allow for caps to naturally be broken very softly during pump overs. The wine was aged for 12 months in second and third fill French and American oak barrels, which had previously been used for the maturation of San Roman. Unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Deep ruby. Smoky cherry and blackberry aromas are complicated by minerals and fresh flowers. Fresh and racy, with pure red and dark fruit flavors, fine-grained tannins and good tangy lift. A lively, sharply focused wine with lovely lingering sweetness.”

90 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 139 July/Aug '08

“Led by the chestnut scents of oak, this young Toro finishes with candied cherry flavor. The ripe tone will make a good match for a steak.”

90 points *Wine & Spirits* October '08

“For an affordable taste of top-shelf Toro, this is where to start. Prima is the so-called second bottling from Maurodos, run by the lauded García family. It is easygoing and approachable, with handsome dark-fruit aromas backed by a smooth palate of black cherry, berry, chocolate and vanilla. Shows some creaminess on the finish, and very little of the heat and fire that can plague even the best wines from Toro. Drinkable now.”

90 points *Wine Enthusiast* November 15 '08



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