

San Roman 2005



Winery: Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos

Region: Toro D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinta de Toro

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 comes 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: Harvested at ~30% lower yields than other recent vintages and two weeks earlier than normal due to the drought conditions in central Spain. Older vineyards and those at higher elevations showed more complete and regular ripening. All fruit was hand harvested with varieties and vineyards being vinified separately to respect the characteristics of the different terroirs. The wine was fermented / macerated for 20 days and aged for 23 months in new French oak and semi-new American oak barrels. Bottled without filtration.

Reviews:

“We would not have expected anything to match the stellar 2004 San Román, but this newest vintage is up to the task. It’s opaque as midnight without a moon, and the nose is a delectable blend of vanilla, spice, hickory, mocha and meaty blackberry. The palate is both magnetic and sly; it pumps black fruit galore, but augments things with controlled chocolate and spice. Finishes a mile long, with cream, intensity and guile. This wine does not mess around. Best from 2010–2016.” **Editor’s Choice, Top 100 Enthusiast Wines for 2009 (#14)**

95 points *Wine Enthusiast* April ‘09

“it gives up a superb perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, mineral, spice box, espresso, and wild black cherry. Layered on the palate, it has tons of succulent fruit, plenty of spice, underlying tannin, outstanding concentration, and a lengthy finish... Maurodos is operated by the renowned Mariano Garcia.”

92+ points *Wine Advocate* issue 183 June ‘09



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