

# San Roman 2012



**Winery:** Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos

**Region:** Toro D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tinta de Toro

**Winery:** Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 55 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo. Vines for this wine are planted mostly in stony soils and come from the 60+-year-old estate vineyards.

**Wine:** During the winter, there was prolonged drought with little rainfall from October to March and no frosts. Well distributed rain in April and May and a warm summer with scarce water reserves in the plants allowed for harvest to begin on September

12th with excellent ripeness and low yields per hectare. San Roman 2012 was bottled in March 2015 after 24 months in French and American oak barrels both new and used.

**Reviews:** “The polished texture masks depth and muscle in this powerful red. Shows blackberry, anise, tar and mineral flavors, with spicy and floral highlights. Firm tannins and fresh acidity lend good balance. Expressive, in an austere way. Drink now through 2027.”

**95 points** *Wine Spectator* August 31, 2016 Issue

“Far less overtly oaky than some earlier renditions of this wine that I’ve tasted, it is already showing an uncanny combination of succulence and structure, with dark cherry and berry fruit that displays great power but also a purity and tenderness that permits immediate enjoyment if the wine is aerated and paired with (even moderately) robust food. This will develop in positive ways for a full decade, and savory accents are already emerging around the edges, but it is already completely convincing.”

**95 points** *Wine Review Online* November 24, 2015

“They have reduced the amount of the new oak here. The aromas are very mineral of red clay, iron, a mixture of plums, black and red cherries and again something earthy, elegant and complex, developing meaty notes with time. The palate is medium to full-bodied, fresher than 2011, with very fine tannins and very good acidity. This is a superb version of San Román. This is one of the few wines from Toro that actually improves with time in bottle.”

**94 points** *The Wine Advocate* Issue 221, October 2015

“Bright violet color. Sexy, spice-accented dark berry and violet pastille scents are complemented by notes of candied licorice, vanilla and woodsmoke. An undercurrent of smoky minerality gives lift and focus to the juicy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors, which become spicier and sweeter with air. The spicy quality carries through a sharply focused, subtly tannic, very long finish. 2020–2025”

**93 points** *Vinous Central Spain: Tempranillo and Beyond* December 2015



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