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Bodegas San Roman

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Eduardo Garcia is the highly talented winemaker behind his 'San Roman' Toro.

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One of the great wines of the world, I wanted to introduce you to the 'San Roman' from a tiny region in Spain, Toro. The Toro region is in the province of Zamora, as part of Castile and Leon. Located northwest of Madrid, the region is relatively high elevation (2400 feet) and produces some of the finest Tempranillo wines of the world. Toro is also an ancient place, first conquered by Hannabal in 220 BC and the town was not repopulated until more than ten centuries later.



The wines of Toro were so famous that Christopher Columbus brought them on his journey to America. Toro is an extreme continental climate with very cold winters and very hot summers in which temperatures can eclipse 100 degrees. The wines from Toro are bold and intense. They are also some of the great bargains on the world wine market.

Bodegas San Roman produces what is one of the most famous Toro wines, its 'San Roman.' The winery was founded by famed winemaker, Mariano Garcia, in 1998 as Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos. In the late 1990s his two sons Alberto and Eduardo joined the team, as director of operations and technical director respectively. They own 100 hectares of vineyards in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija, Morales de Toro and Pedrosa del Rey. The vineyards are primarily planted to Tinta de Toro, a local clone of Tempranillo. Eduardo Garcia presides over the winemaking now as the winemaking style has moved towards combining freshness and richness. I have been absolutely enchanted by this wine

since I first tried it while in graduate school more than a decade ago. The combination of richness and poise was just amazing to me. The wine can be quite powerful but maintains an amazing sense of balance and terroir. Simply put, it is one of the great wines of the world. The new release, the 2014 Bodegas San Roman 'San Roman' Toro (WWB, 94) is a stunning wine that is intense, yet silky smooth. If you have never tried a great wine from Toro, I highly recommend looking into this beautiful wine. Learn more about this famed property at <https://www.bodegasanroman.com> Here is my review of the 2014 Bodegas San Roman 'San Roman' Toro.



2014 Bodegas San Roman 'San Roman' Toro- Lifted, opulent and intense, the 2014 'San Roman' Toro is showing incredible range right now. Following extended air contact, the wine begins to opens with a ripe dark fruit bouquet with toasty oak, white rose and milk chocolate shavings which all build in the glass. On the palate this displays a wonderful combination of tension and viscosity. Blueberry Coulis, blackberry pie, coffee grounds and dark chocolate flavors all come to mind. Complex and seductive, this will have an exceedingly long life in the cellar. Drink 2019-2035- **94**