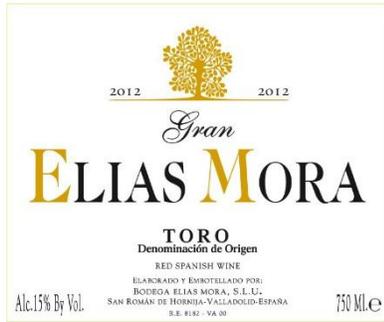


Gran Elias Mora 2012 (Red Wine)



This Bodega, situated in the famous village of San Roman de Hornija, was founded in 2000 by winemaker Victoria Benavides. The winery is named after the former owner of the vineyard, Elias Mora.

The philosophy of the winery revolves around combining a respect for tradition and modern technology. Victoria focuses exclusively on Tinta de Toro the native clone of Tempranillo which has been grown locally, with no exposure to phylloxera, for over 2000 years. The wines are only ever in contact with natural products; oak, glass, natural cork. Finally she seeks to respect vintage conditions knowing that each year will offer different qualities in the finished wine.

"Gran Elias Mora is my personal wine. It comes from a single plot that the retired people from the village showed me in 2000. We bottle Gran Elias Mora only the best vintages and after my selection of the best barrels." – Victoria Benavides, winemaker

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinta de Toro, from the single, 80-year-old Senda del Lobo "Wolf's Path" vineyard
Altitude / Soil	750 meters / clay over limestone with sand and large stones on the surface
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested, by an estate employed team of pickers at the end of September with very low yields of 15hl/ha
Production	Whole berries undergo a 3 day cold soak, 12 fermentation with skins. This wine is only produced in exceptional vintages.
Aging	Aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 100% new, this is a selection of the most concentrated and balanced lots
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Reviews:

"Tightly wound, layered, moderately tannic and oozing excellence, this is a fantastic high-end Toro from the superb 2012 vintage. The minerally, toasty aroma of blackberry is stylish and shows a balsamic note. Flavors of licorice, sweet balsamic vinegar, chocolate and toasty blackberry continue on a long, deep, complex finish. Drink this ace-level red from 2017–2028."

95 points *Editor's Choice The Wine Enthusiast*; April 2016

This is an astonishing wine, but not for the faint of heart. It is hugely impressive, with "huge" being the most important element in that clause. Still nearly black in color and opaque in pigmentation at 6 years of age, it is phenomenally rich and concentrated. Aromas of baking spices and subtle woodsmoke are quite appealing, but then the sheer intensity and power of the wine just kick down the door and the wild ride begins. Those who think Tempranillo (or Tinta de Toro, as it is called in this region) just makes light- or medium-bodied wines will be set straight permanently by this bottling, which as actually "thick" in texture, as in milkshake thick. Flavors of blackberries, cassis and black cherry are very intense but not remotely obvious or over-ripe, and though there's a lot of bracing from oak, the wood accents definitely overwhelmed by the fruit's sheer strength. You could enjoy this now with decanting and a grilled steak, but it will be better in another 5 years and undoubtedly can hang on or even improve for a full decade from now. What a wine!"

95 points *Wine Review Online*; Michael Franz – October 30, 2018

"Brilliant ruby. Complex, intensely perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red fruits, incense, mocha and exotic spices, with a bright mineral overtone. Sweet and incisive on the palate, offering sappy, vivacious raspberry and lavender pastille flavors. In a seamless, graceful style, with a pliant, gently tannic finish emphatically echoing the floral quality. Made from fruit grown in a 70+-year-old vineyard, this wine was aged in new French for 17 months. 2020 – 2026"

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

"For her most ambitious red, Victoria Benavides selects fruit from 70-year-old vines at the Senda del Lobo vineyards, right next to the winery in San Roman de Hornija. This is Toro at its most robust and concentrated, as tense as an animal about to pounce on its prey. Defined by strength and ripeness, as well as the power of its tannins, this is a red that needs a decade in the cellar." **92 points** *Wine & Spirits Magazine*; June 2016

