Prima 2021 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinedos San Roman is a family-owned winery that was founded by iconic winemaker Mariano Garcia in 1998 as Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos. His vision was to produce world class wines which balanced freshness and longevity in the bottle against the renowned power of the region's wines. The vineyards are planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, a local done of Tempranillo that has adapted to the local region. In general, the vines offer smaller berries and bunches than Tempranillo in other regions, and yields wines that offer deep colors, intense aromas and robust structure.

Prima, their entry level wine, has started to incorporate a higher percentage of Garnacha in the blend and is now aged partially in large wooden vats as opposed to barrels.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	85% Tinto de Toro 15% Garnacha, 20–50-year-old vines, trained to wire and bush vines on sandy soils with clay in the subsoil
Altitude / Soil	700-800 meters / predominantly sandy clay with some stonier soils
Farming Methods	Certified organic viticulture incorporating some biodynamic principles
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Fermented with native microbes, short 3-day maceration with skins
Aging	Aged 14 months in 75% French and 25% American oak barrels and vats, all used
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8437014707533 / 0128437014707537 / 12

Reviews:

"The 2021 Prima from Toro is garnet in hue. The wild herbal nose features strawberry and sour cherry notes. Dry and juicy on the palate, it has fine-grain, reactive tannins that lead to a taut, long-lasting finish. This is a new red wine that will develop beautifully with age."

93 points Vinous Media; Joaquin Hidalgo - Reds From Toro: Old Vines and New Knowhow (Dec 2023)

"The juicy, primary and young red 2021 Prima was produced with 85% Tinta de Toro softened with 15% Garnacha and other varieties, resulting in a fresh, floral and aromatic wine that is not shy and hits the scale at 14.5% alcohol, keeping a pH of 3.6. It comes from younger vines whose grapes fermented destemmed with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel with pumping over. It matured in French oak barrels and foudres for 14 months. 160,000 bottles produced. 2024 - 2028."

92 points The Wine Advocate; Luis Gutierrez – June 13, 2024.

"Bodegas San Román's 2021 Prima Tinto from Bodegas San Román is nicely balanced this year, coming in listed at 14.5 percent octane. The wine is crafted from its customary cépages of eighty-five percent tempranillo and fifteen percent garnacha, with the oldest vines here being half a century old. The vineyards are farmed organically and just starting to conversion to biodynamics. The wine is aged in a mix of French and American oak for two years, with twenty-five percent of the casks new. The 2021 Prima delivers a deep and complex bouquet of black plums, black cherries, a touch of spiced meats, dark soil tones, woodsmoke and a discreet framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, young and full-bodied, with a superb core of fruit, good soil signature, ripe, chewy tannins, fine grip and a long, complex and very well balanced finish. This will be an excellent wine in due course, but it is a young Toro, so plan on at least a dozen years of hibernation for the wine before it starts to soften up enough to drink with generosity. Fine juice. 2036-2075+"

92 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman -Issue #109, January - February 2024

"2021 San Roman 'Prima' Toro- The 2021 'Prima' comes from Toro vineyards up to 50 years of age. Super juicy with dark currants, tobacco leaf and milk chocolate, alongside mint and scorched earth accents, enjoy now and over the next few years. Drink 2024-2031"

91 points OwenBargreen.com; Owen Bargreen - November 18, 2024

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