

San Roman 2006



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: The harvest started early, around September 6 with healthy skins and balanced acidity in the grapes. Less San Roman was produced in 2006 versus 2005, due to very selective harvesting of only best bunches. Given the weather conditions and quality of the fruit this vintage shows great aromatic potential and concentration with refined tannins. All fruit was hand harvested with different vineyard plots being vinified separately to respect the characteristics of the different terroirs. The wine was fermented / macerated for 20 days and aged for 24 months in French and American oak barrels of different ages. Bottled without filtration.

Reviews:

“Aromas of smoke, incense, scorched earth, espresso, and blackberry jump from the glass. Full-bodied and already revealing some complexity, this opulent offering is packed with succulent fruit and enough structure to evolve for 3-4 years. Drink this pleasure-bent effort from 2013 to 2021 if not longer.”

93 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Dark, tight and masculine smelling, San Román is once again one of the two or three best wines from Toro. This vintage is black, extracted and super ripe, but it maintains a fine level of balance and more than adequate freshness. Flavors of coconut, vanilla and chocolate announce generous new oak, as does mocha and espresso on the finish. Heady but ready; ageable for another 5–8 years.” **Editor’s Choice, Top 100 Enthusiast Wines for 2010**

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