

# San Roman 2016 (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 renown power of the region's wines.

In recent years the winemaking team, under Eduardo's direction, has been producing wines in a fresher style, harvested at the optimum moment to balance freshness and richness. This leads off with intense attention to farming exceptional grapes using organic methods and some biodynamic concepts and practices. In 2017, they released their first single vineyard "reserve" wine called Cartago Paraje de Pozo, which comes from a plot of 45-year-old vines on very sandy soils and sees extended aging in oak barrels.

<b>Appellation</b>	Toro D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo), from ungrafted vines between 60-100 years old
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	700-850 meters / sand, clay and gravel, mostly with large surface stones
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic, incorporating some Biodynamic principles and practices
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 24 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, 25% new
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437014707373 / 28437014707377 / 12

**Reviews:** "I believe I've tasted every vintage of this wine that's been imported into the USA, and think that this may be the best of them all. It is still quite young, but obviously very beautiful in character and virtually perfect in ripeness, structure and proportionality. Quite deeply pigmented, with exceptional flavor impact but no heaviness, it is marvelous Tempranillo with many years of improvement ahead of it. Rather tight when first opened, with notable but definitely not excessive oak, it unfolds gradually over the course of its first hours after opening to display ever more layers of fruit and minerality, and ever better integrated toast and spice from oak. Tasted again 24 hours later, it is better still. Fresh with acidity, it is beautifully bright, with gorgeous purity of fruit. It really needs time to unwind, and will no doubt not hit its peak until it is at least a decade from the vintage, and quite possibly not until a decade from now. I've seen the reviews from other critics, including Luis Gutiérrez from The Wine Advocate (whom I greatly respect), and all of them underscored this wine, no doubt because they tasted it while it was still too young and tight. Odds are I've underscored it too." **96 points Wine Review Online;** October 2020

"The 2016 Bodegas San Roman Toro follows the really impressive line of San Roman wines over the past decade. Needing a two hour decant to fully evolve, once on the nose you are impressed by the intensity of not only massive dark fruits but non-fruit aromatics of tar, sandalwood and leather that combine with shades of damp earth. The palate is plush, with silky tannins and toasty oak that are artfully woven into the core of blackberry cobbler, blueberry cordial, mocha, and creosote tones. Showing a great feeling of range, with vibrant acidity, a light dusting of salinity and excellent weight, the 2016 Bodegas San Roman Toro will enjoy an exceedingly long life ahead of it. Drink 2020-2038." **95 points Washington Wine Blog;** Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

"The 2016 San Román was cropped from a generous vintage, which meant great balance in the grapes, good freshness, very fine tannins and less concentration. Having said that, I think the wine has great aging potential; it's not really a light wine (it's Toro after all), and it has structure and good grip and a classical profile, still quite generously oaked and in need of some time in bottle. They used a small percentage of 500-liter barrels for the élevage of some plots. It should turn into a very classical García wine with a few years in bottle. 100,000 bottles produced. It matures in oak for two years. It was bottled in January 2019." **94 points The Wine Advocate;** December 2019

"The 2016 San Román Tinto...offers up a superb bouquet, wafting from the glass in a mix of black cherries, black plum, Cuban cigar, a touch of anise, clove-like spice tones, a fine base of soil and a very refined foundation of new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and impressively transparent for its octane level (it is listed at 14.5 percent, but carries it seamlessly and seems cooler in the mouth), with a great core of fruit, impeccable focus and balance and a very long, ripely tannic and very classy finish. This is one of the best young examples of Toro I have tasted in ages, but one would expect this from a winery founded by Mariano Garcia (of Vega Sicilia fame) and now run by his two sons, Alberto and Eduardo Garcia! 2030-2055+." **94 points View from the Cellar;** Issue #86 - March/April 2020

"Brilliant violet. Expansive, oak-spiced black raspberry and blueberry aromas pick up cola, woodsmoke and vanilla accents with air. Supple, weighty and seamless on the palate, showing impressive focus and spicy lift to the deeply concentrated red and dark fruit preserve, cherry cola, mocha and spicecake flavors. Stains the palate without showing any excess fat. Finishes sweet, creamy and extremely long, with polished tannins, a repeating blue fruit note and a touch of dark chocolate. 2023- 2033." **94 points Vinous;** Josh Reynolds – February 2021

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