

San Román Garnacha 2019 (Red Wine)



Bodegas y Vinos San Roman was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 140 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo.

The winemaking team has, under Eduardo Garcia's (Mariano's son) direction, 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 practices.

There is a new San Roman varietal Garnacha, as the grape has finally been allowed by the appellation of origin for mono-varietal wines.

Appellation	Toro D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha, from 60-year-old bush vines
Altitude / Soil	710 meters / poor, loose, sandy soils in Los Almendros (Villaester)
Farming Methods	Certified Organic and working with Biodynamic methods
Harvest	Hand harvested in 12 Kg boxes
Production	Fermented with full clusters and natural yeasts
Aging	Aged in 500-litre French oak barrels for 19 months
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Reviews:

"The second vintage of the pure Garnacha, the 2019 Garnacha comes from the same grapes as the initial 2018, and it fermented with full clusters and natural yeasts and matured in 500-liter French oak barrels until bottling. The two years feel very different. They picked the grapes a little earlier in 2019, and the wine is more floral and elegant. The color is bright, and the wine is rounder, and the tannins are more polished. They tell me a big difference was that this 2019 underwent malolactic (like the 2020), but the 2018 did not do it because it has a very low pH and they respected it and bottled it with a little more acidity. 2,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in May 2021."

94+ points *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*; Luis Gutiérrez - Issue #255 June 2021

"The 2019 Garnacha from Bodegas San Román arrived just before I finished up this article and I am very happy it made it in ahead of the deadline. The wine is produced from sixty yearold bush vines, which are farmed organically and situated at just over seven hundred meters above sea level. The wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts, entirely whole cluster in 2019 and aged for just over a year and a half in five hundred liter, French oak casks. This is only the second vintage of pure Garnacha released by the winery, as it was only approved for the Toro DO in 2018. The 2019 is a big boy, coming in at a full fifteen percent octane and delivering a superb bouquet of red and black raspberries, smoked meats, beautifully refined spice tones, a fine base of soil, woodsmoke and a lovely framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, ripe and full-bodied, with very good balance for its octane level, a lovely core of fruit, good mineral drive and grip, ripe tannins and a long, complex and gently warm finish. This is a very, very well-made wine, which is a bit high in octane for my palate, but which is really quite impressively balanced for this level and I am sure that most modern-day Châteauneuf du Pape drinkers will not even notice that it is fifteen percent! It needs some cellaring time to soften up, but it should drink beautifully for many decades. 2029-2065+"

92 points *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman - Issue #98 March/April 2022

