San Roman 2013



Winery: Bodegas Y Vinedos Maurodos

Region: Toro D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinta de Toro

Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Maurodos was founded by Mariano Garcia in 1997 and owns 55 hectares in the villages of Villaester, San Roman de Hornija and Morales, planted mainly with Tinta de Toro, the local clone of Tempranillo. Vines for this wine are planted mostly in stony soils and come from the 60+-year-old estate vineyards.

Wine: This wine is produced from vines averaging over 60 years grown in very stony soils in the villages of Villaester, Morales and San Roman de Hornija. The bush vines were hand harvested and fermented in a range of inert containers with some of the lots

undergoing malolactic conversion in large oak upright vats. The San Roman 2013 was bottled in March 2016 after 24 months in French and American oak barrels both new and used.

Reviews:

"The 2013 San Román was produced with fruit from older vineyards in Toro. In 2012 they started reducing the amount of the new oak in this wine and the change is quite noticeable. There is something leafy and floral showing elegance within the power that the place provides naturally. 2013 was quite different in Toro from Ribera del Duero, here the cooler years are a plus, as they balance the extra ripeness the place provides. In 2013 there was no rain during the harvest and the grapes were very healthy. There are some fine tannins and the profile of a more austere and transparent vintage, a mineral year. But it does have the smoky and slightly wild character of Toro. 87,000 bottles produced. "

93 points The Wine Advocate # 229 February 2017

"(aged for two years in 75 percent French and 25 percent American oak barrels, half of them new) Inky purple. Heady cherry, dark berry, vanilla and violet pastille qualities on the oak-accented nose. At once rich and energetic; a firm spine of acidity provides lift to sweet cassis, blueberry and vanilla flavors. Closes with youthful tannic grip and impressive persistence, leaving dark berry and licorice candy notes behind." 2021-2028

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"Very pretty aromas reminiscent of graphite, crushed blackberries and capuccino undertones that turn floral. Concentrated and fine-grained Toro with berry flavors. Plenty of wood, yet this is silky and attractive. Better to drink in 2018 but delicious now."

93 points James Suckling.com Thursday, December 1, 2016

