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# SAN ROMÁN
## BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS

“This bodega was established in 1998 and is the Toro project of the Garcia family, of Bodegas Mauro fame. Unsurprisingly, the wines show impressive concentration and a graceful and structured personality that’s in keeping with Mariano and Eduardo Garcia’s winemaking style. At the same time, they exhibit the DO’s signature heft, richness and fruit-driven character. The wines do show some oak influence when young, but my experience is that it harmonizes easily with bottle age. With over 100 hectares of vineyards, San Román is quite large considering the consistently high quality of the wines produced, and pricing is extremely fair, perhaps because this is Toro, not Ribera del Duero.”

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95 points vinous

## CARTAGO PARAJE DEL POZO

*Vintage* ***2015***

Opaque ruby. Ripe dark berries, cherry cola, vanilla and pungent flowers on the deeply perfumed nose. Smooth, broad and sweet on the palate, offering impressively concentrated cherry liqueur and blackberry flavors and subtle hints of mocha, licorice and spicecake. A smoky nuance emerges with air and carries through the extremely long, gently tannic finish, which echoes the floral and vanilla notes.

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## SAN ROMÁN MALVASÍA

*Vintage* ***2018***

Light, bright yellow. Highly perfumed, mineral-accented aromas of white peach, pear, tangerine and smoky lees, plus a bright floral overtone. Juicy and densely packed on the palate, conveying richness as well as vivacity to the mineral-laced orchard and pit fruit flavors, which pick up an orange zest nuance with air. Shows impressive power and sharp delineation on a long, penetrating finish that leaves hints of buttered toast and citrus pith behind.

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## SAN ROMÁN

*Vintage* ***2016***

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.

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## SAN ROMÁN

*Vintage* ***2015***

Deep, shimmering violet. Expressive, spice-accented aromas of blackberry, cherry liqueur, vanilla and licorice, plus a smoky mineral nuance in the background. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering juicy black and blue fruit and violet pastille flavors and a suggestion of exotic spices. Rich yet lively in style, with a very long, gently tannic finish that features lingering smoke and mocha notes.

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91 points vinous

## PRIMA

*Vintage* ***2017***

Dark ruby. Mineral-accented blackberry, cherry compote and baking spices on the deeply perfumed nose. Sappy, palate-coating red and dark fruit liqueur flavors pick up smoke, vanilla and candied licorice qualities with air. Turns spicier on the persistent, subtly tannic and penetrating finish, where the red berry and floral notes repeat strongly.

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## PRIMA

*Vintage* ***2016***

Saturated ruby. Vibrant cherry, red currant and exotic spice scents show very good clarity and take on a brisk mineral nuance with air. Seamless, lively and focused on the palate, offering juicy red fruit and floral pastille flavors and a hint of vanilla. Very fresh and lithe in style, finishing long and silky, with fine clarity and gentle tannic grip.

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# Garmón Continental

"Launched in 2014, this bodega signaled the return of former Vega Sicilia winemaker Mariano García (Mauro, in Castilla y León, and San Roman, in Toro) to Ribera de Duero. Those familiar with his and his sons Eduardo and Alberto's work at Mauro will see their fingerprints all over this wine (there's a single red bottling) for its blend of power and finesse, and already it should be considered among Ribera del Duero's elite wines. The malolactic fermentation is done in French barriques, followed by 18 months of aging before bottling, resulting in a round, fruit-driven, complex wine that leans to the modern side of the Ribera del Duero equation, but not to any extreme."

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## GARMÓN

*Vintage **2017***

Opaque ruby. Mineral- and spice-accented aromas of ripe red and dark berries, lavender and exotic spices on the deeply perfumed nose. Weighty and broad on the palate, offering juicy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors that show fine clarity and building sweetness. Turns spicier on the persistent finish, which features slowly mounting tannins and lingering mineral and floral notes.

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vinous

## GARMÓN

*Vintage* ***2016***

Bright, youthful purple. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes an array of red and blue fruit, floral and exotic spice qualities, and vanilla and roasted coffee notes emerge as the wine opens up. Sappy, concentrated and seamless in texture, offering sweet boysenberry and cherry flavors and a touch of smokiness. Shows excellent clarity and a repeating vanilla note on the clinging finish, which is given shape by supple, harmonious tannins.

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## GARMÓN

*Vintage* ***2015***

Inky ruby. Powerful, mineral-accented blackberry and cherry cola aromas are complemented by suggestions of incense, vanilla and pungent flowers. Supple, sweet and impressively concentrated, offering lush black and blue fruit, spicecake, mocha and violet pastille flavors braced by a spine of juicy acidity. Plush yet surprisingly lively in character, with a suave floral note and velvety tannins on an impressively long, sweet finish.

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BODEGAS
MAURO

“After spending 30 years as winemaker at Vega Sicilia, Mariano García established his own bodega and vineyards in Tudela de Duero, just outside the western limitation of the Ribera del Duero DO, in 1978. Mauro quickly emerged as one of Spain’s finest wineries, producing wines that did then and still do compete with the best that Ribera del Duero has to offer. Up to three wines are produced here, depending on the vintage, and they are consistently concentrated, full-flavored, polished and age-worthy, from top to bottom. García’s sons, Eduardo and Alberto, are in charge now, and the quality of the wines has actually been rising steadily over the last decade and a half, with current vintages representing the best work yet done here. Mauro is definitely among the country’s foremost bodegas.”

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BODEGAS MAURO

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## MAURO

*Vintage* ***2018***

Inky ruby. Primary, mineral-tinged black and blue fruits, potpourri, oak spices and woodsmoke on the highly perfumed nose. Sweet, deeply concentrated boysenberry, licorice and cherry cola flavors fan out steadily on the palate, picking up spiciness and a touch of candied flowers on the back half. Broad and youthfully chewy in texture. Finishes with excellent length and dusty tannins contributing shape and closing grip.

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MAURO

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## TERREUS PARAJE CUEVA BAJA

*Vintage **2017***

Inky ruby. A deeply perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red and dark berries, Moroccan spices and floral pastilles, along with suggestions of cola, licorice and smoky minerals. Shows a suave blend of depth and energy to the sharply focused black raspberry, cherry vanilla, star anise and candied violet flavors, which deepen and become sweeter with aeration. Well-knit tannins add grip to a penetrating finish that leaves behind notes of dark berry preserves and spicecake.

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## MAURO VS

*Vintage **2017***

Inky violet. Powerful black and blue fruit preserve, vanilla, candied licorice and espresso aromas are enlivened by building spice and smoky mineral notes. Youthfully chewy, palate-staining blackberry, bitter cherry and spicecake flavors show impressive depth and turn sweeter through the back half. At once rich and energetic, with youthfully gripping tannins adding shape to a very long, spice-accented finish that leaves dark berry and violet pastille notes behind.

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