

# Descarte 2013



**Winery:** Bodegas Elias Mora

**Region:** Toro D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tinta de Toro

**Winery:** This Bodega, situated in the famous village of San Roman de Hornija, was started by the two Victorias; Victoria Benavides and Victoria Pariente. The vision for the project included production of both white wines from Rueda and red wines from Toro. Recently, the Victorias have separated their winemaking facilities, with the Bodega in Toro renamed Bodegas Elias Mora, to better concentrate on production of each type of wine to its highest possible quality.

The winery owns 8 Ha. (17.6 acres) of vineyards, including the “Los Pajaros vineyard” and “La Veleta” as well as a few small plots owned by farmers, also planted in San Roman de la Hornija. The

vines are planted at 2,600 feet above sea level. The soil comprises clay and limestone with big stones on the surface.

**Wine:** This is the second vintage ever made of this cuvee by talented winemaker, Victoria Benavides, who manages to blend power and finesse in all of her wines. Made entirely of estate fruit, this wine comes from 40 year old vines with north-facing orientation to produce freshness and red fruit focus on the nose. The vineyard also practices sustainable viticulture. Minimal intervention is used in the winemaking process. Fermentation takes place with native yeast/microbe and natural ML occurs in stainless steel tanks. The wine is then aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, some of which are new.

**Reviews:** “Opaque ruby. Fresh red berries, allspice and a touch of cola on the fragrant nose. Juicy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors unfold slowly, picking up a smoky element on the back half. The raspberry and spice qualities cling on a very long, focused, subtly tannic finish. This fruit came from a single north-facing vineyard of 40-year-old vines that produced roughly 20 hectoliters per hectare in 2013.”

**91 points** *Vinous* Central Spain: Tempranillo and Beyond December 2015



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