

# Gran Elias Mora 2012



Gran  
**ELIAS MORA**

**TORO**  
Denominación de Origen

ELABORADO Y EMBOTELLADO POR:  
BODEGA ELIAS MORA, S.L.U.,  
SAN ROMÁN DE HORNIA-VALLADOLID-ESPAÑA  
R.E. 8182 - VA 00

14,5% Vol.

75cl.

**Winery:** Elias Mora

**Region:** Toro D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tinta de Toro (Old Vines)

**Winery:** Victoria Benavides, the winemaker and owner, named the winery after the first grower to agree to sell her grapes, Elias Mora. Since that start she has grown the vineyard holdings to 8 Ha. (17.6 acres), including several small plots with names like *Los Pajaros*, *Senada de Lobo* and *La Veleta*. She also works with a number of small, local, mostly elderly growers who have a wealth of knowledge about their vines which are planted in the poor, stony soils outside the village of San Roman de Hornija.

**Wine:** This wine is produced with fruit harvested from the single, 70+ year old, *Senda del Lobo* vineyard. Soils are composed of limey clay with sand and large stones. Yields are tiny, only around 15hl/ha. Grapes are selectively hand harvested and sorted again at the winery prior to processing. A 3 day cold soak is followed by alcoholic (14 days) and malolactic fermentation (21 days) in stainless steel tanks. After 12 months of aging in new French oak barrels Victoria tastes and selects barrels of exceptional concentration for an additional 5 months of aging in barrels for a total of 17 months in oak. Fined with egg whites and bottled unfiltered.

This wine is “Viki’s soul”, grapes that come from single, unique and very old parcel, made only the exceptional years during which grapes show balance, elegance and freshness above all.

**Reviews:** “Tightly wound, layered, moderately tannic and oozing excellence, this is a fantastic high-end Toro from the superb 2012 vintage. The minerally, toasty aroma of blackberry is stylish and shows a balsamic note. Flavors of licorice, sweet balsamic vinegar, chocolate and toasty blackberry continue on a long, deep, complex finish.”

**Editor’s Choice**

**95 points** *Wine Enthusiast*, April 2016

Brilliant ruby. Complex, intensely perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red fruits, incense, mocha and exotic spices, with a bright mineral overtone. Sweet and incisive on the palate, offering sappy, vivacious raspberry and lavender pastille flavors. In a seamless, graceful style, with a pliant, gently tannic finish emphatically echoing the floral quality. Made from fruit grown in a 70+-year-old vineyard, this wine was aged in new French for 17 months.” **93 points** *Vinous Central Spain: Tempranillo and Beyond December 2015*

“This is a rich and densely flavored wine sourced from the 70-year old Senda del Lobo vineyard. Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in oak, it offers fragrant aromas of red and black berry fruit with toasted oak on the nose. On the palate it is soft and elegant revealing dark berry, perfect balance and a lingering finish.”

**92 points** *International Wine Review Report 49: The Best of Spain, July 2015*

“For her most ambitious red, Victoria Benavides selects fruit from 70-year-old vines at the Senda del Lobo vineyards, right next to the winery in San Roman de Hornija. This is Toro at its most robust and concentrated, as tense as an animal about to pounce on its prey. Defined by strength and ripeness, as well as the power of its tannins, this is a red that needs a decade in the cellar.”

**92 points** *Wine & Spirits Magazine*, June 2016



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