

Xi'ipal las Bajadas Single Vineyard 2015 (Red Wine)

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Las Bajadas
Single Vineyard
San Martín de Unx
2015
Limited edition of 2,900 bot.
Bot. num 564

Wife and husband team; Raquel and Ivan Grandival started this project in 2010. They farm 40-year-old plots of Tempranillo, Garnacha, Syrah and Graciano at the foot of the mountains near the village of San Martín de Unx. They seek maximum varietal expression through respect of the earth and environment, with minimal intervention in the growing of the grapes.

Raquel seeks to emphasize the unique character of their vineyards by fermenting wine only in cement tanks with native microbes and aging exclusively in large format (400-500 liter) barrels that minimizes oak influence. The Xi'ipal wines are all strictly limited production from unique, single vineyard plots.

Appellation	Navarra D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha from the single 20-year-old Las Bajadas vineyard
Altitude / Soil	625 meters / escarpments and steep slopes on sandstones, silt, clays
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Fermentation with native microbes in cement tanks
Aging	Aged for 12 months in used, 500L, French oak barrels

Reviews:

“A very fresh and rather elegant Garnacha Navarra with quite gentle tannins and bright acidity lifting the fullish body. Drink now or in 2019.”

90 points *JamesSuckling.com*; August 2018

“This begins with a nice combination of smoky aromatics on the nose, joined with rose petals and dark fruits. Smooth on the mouth, the wine shows off red cherry, red currant and wild strawberry flavors with crushed mint and a lovely herbaceousness. The tension suggests this will age nicely.”

90 points *International Wine Report*; June 2018

“This wine's spicy plum and berry aromas are lightly oaked and minty. It's fresh and crisp on the palate but almost raw, with rubbery tannins and plum, currant and vanilla flavors. It's dry and spicy on the finish.”

89 points *The Wine Enthusiast*; August 2018

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