

Xi'ipal Graciano Gracia Vid 2015 (Red Wine)

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GRACIA VID

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San Martin de Unx
2014
Limited edition of 1,500 bottles
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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 Martin 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	500 meters / Chalky and limestone with large stones
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested
Production	3 day cold pre-fermentation maceration, followed by fermentation in cement tanks with native microbes.
Aging	Aged for 18 months in used 500L French oak puncheons; total production of 1,500 bottles

Reviews:

"...offer[s] up a complex nose of raspberries, cherries, a touch of garrigue, smoked meats, a lovely base of soil, a touch of bonfire and a discreet framing of cedary wood. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, complex and very nicely balanced, with a good core, fine soil signature, moderate tannins and a long, tangy and focused finish. This is good juice. 2018-2040+."

91+ points *View from the Cellar*; Issue #75 – May/June 2018

"Smoky spicy black-fruit aromas are at max ripeness for Graciano. A tight, somewhat narrow palate is typical of this acid-driven variety. Reduced flavors of plum and cherry come with hints of chocolate and cola. Lastly, a loaded finish is racy and fruity, though not that deep. Drink through 2020."

91 points *The Wine Enthusiast*; November 2018

"Quite a complex Navarra red with redcurrant and plum aromas, plus lemon-zest freshness. Good concentration and quite a long, crisp and dry finish. Drink now or hold."

91 points *JameSuckling.com*; August 2018

"This 100% Graciano wine (vines 12 years old) was aged for 18 months in large puncheons before bottling. Vines are set on large limestone, which adds to the mineral quality in the wine. This shows really good balance on the palate, with an exceedingly long citrus and red fruit driven finish. Let this sit in a decanter for an hour prior to enjoying."

90 points *International Wine Report*; June 2018

