

Xi'ipal Garnacha *Las Bajadas Single Vineyard* 2015 (Red Wine)



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
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437012831025 / 18437012831039 / 6

Reviews:

“Deep, lurid ruby-red. High-pitched, mineral-accented red/dark berry and pot-pourri aromas are complemented by suggestions of succulent herbs and Asian spices. Smooth and open-knit, offering appealingly sweet raspberry and lavender pastille flavors that tighten up slowly with air and pick up mocha and white pepper nuances. Shows impressive clarity and spicy lift on the persistent finish, which is given shape by silky, even tannins. (Fermented in concrete tanks and aged for a year in used, 500-liter French oak barrels.) Drink 2020-2026.”

92 points *Vinous Media*; “Spain’s Northern Regions Keep it Cool” – March 2019

“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

