

# Xi'ipal Graciano Gracia Vid 2015 (Red Wine)

**Xi'ipal**  
GRACIA VID

BODEGAS  
CAUDALIA

San Martin de Unx  
2014  
Limited edition of 1,500 bot.  
Bot. num 0.000

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.

<b>Appellation</b>	Navarra D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Graciano from a single, 12 year old vineyard parcel
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	500 meters / Chalky and limestone with large stones
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested
<b>Production</b>	3 day cold pre-fermentation maceration, followed by fermentation in cement tanks with native microbes.
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 18 months in used 500L French oak puncheons; total production of 1,500 bottles
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437012831018 / 18437012831022 / 6

## 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

"Inky ruby. An exotically perfumed bouquet evokes ripe, dark berries, pot-pourri and vanilla, along with a building oak spice note. Rich, palate-coating blackberry, bitter cherry and violet pastille flavors are complicated by spice and mineral notes that expand with air. Closes on a youthful, tannic note, showing very good clarity and leaving a sweet dark berry note behind. (Fermented in concrete tanks and raised in a used 400-liter French oak barrel for 14 months.) Drink 2020-2027."

**91 points** *Vinous Media*; "Spain's Northern Regions Keep it Cool" – March 2019

