

# Bodegas Caudalia Paal Syrah 2017 (red wine)



“Our philosophy is, from the respect to the earth and the environment that surrounds us, to show the maximum varietal expression. To deep knowledge and experience, the illusion of turning our passion for wine into a way of life is united, showing in our wines the land where we come with humility and dedication. Integrated viticulture as a principle of our work, seeking the biological balance through minimal interventionism, allowing the land to express freely.”

Wife and husband team; Raquel Grandival and Ivan Lopez 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.

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% Syrah
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	500-750 meters / poor, lime-rich clay with abundant mother rock
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested
<b>Production</b>	Cold pre-fermentation maceration, fermented with native yeasts in cement tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 27 months in cement tanks
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8 437012 831001 / 18437012831008 / 12

## Reviews:

“I have very much liked this wine in past vintages and the 2017 version is another fine bottle. The wine is one hundred percent organically-farmed syrah, fermented with indigenous yeasts in cement vats and aged in the same for twenty-seven months prior to bottling. The wine delivers a fine bouquet of black raspberries, smoked meats, pepper, a bit of black tea, a fine base of soil tones, fennel seed and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and quite elegant in profile, with a very good core of fruit, fine soil signature and grip, firm, chewy, but well-integrated tannins and a long, gently warm finish. This vintage comes in listed at 14.5 percent octane. Good juice, but I would love to see the wine a half point lower in alcohol. 2027- 2055.”

**89+ points** *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman - Issue #91 January/February 2021

