## Xi'ipal Garnacha Las Bajadas Single Vineyard 2018 (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 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.   |
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| 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 Size | 8437012831025 / 18437012831039 / 6                                   |

## **Reviews:**

"Aromas of black cherry and chocolate-covered espresso bean prep the palate for flavors of blackberry, cassis, dark chocolate, violet and clove. Tannins come on strong at first and then evaporate, leaving notes of spice and flowers on the tongue. "

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