

MONTE XANIC
BODEGA VINÍCOLA

BORDEAUX BLEND · FLAGSHIP

Gran Ricardo 2023

Mexico's super-premium benchmark.

The 2023 Gran Ricardo highlights Oscar Gaona's increasingly meticulous handling of the estate's vineyards, with multiple passes through each parcel and separate vinifications. A remarkably temperate season brought clarity and freshness, shaping a wine defined more by detail and aromatic character than sheer scale. Cabernet Sauvignon from Valle de Guadalupe anchors the blend with depth and color, Merlot adds vivid blue fruit, Cabernet Franc delicate herbal notes and Malbec a floral edge of violets. Refined, layered and built to age.

WINEMAKER OSCAR GAONA

BLEND	STYLE	ALCOHOL	PRODUCTION	SULFITES	DRINK
Cabernet Sauvignon 53% Merlot 26% · Petit Verdot 9% Cabernet Franc 7% · Malbec 5%	Red 16 months French oak	13.9% by volume	5,000+ cases 30,000+ bottles	35 ppm free, at bottling	Upon release & up to 15 years

ATTRIBUTES

PO Practicing Organic · RF Regenerative Farming · SO Sustainably Operated · VG Vegan

The Vineyards

The best blocks of 54.4 acres in both valleys, then the best rows within each block. Planted in 2008.

Guadalupe	Monte Xanic, 984 ft
Soil	Granite, lime, sand
Ojos Negros	Viña Alta & Ojos Negros
Elevation	2,254 ft
Farming	Regenerative, organic

In the Cellar

A triple selection: in the vineyard, bunch by bunch, then berry by berry by hand and air stream.

Harvest	Oct 2 – Nov 18, 2022
Fermentation	3 weeks, stainless
Aging	16 months, French oak
Oak	Vosges, Allier, Nevers, Tronçais

The 2023 Vintage

One of the most stable growing seasons in years: fresh, with more blue fruit and fine herbs.

> *"Defined by detail more than sheer scale."*

Serve at 16–18 °C (61–64 °F); decant if young.
Pair with prime rib, lamb or mole.

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Founded in 1987 by Hans Backhoff and four friends, Monte Xanic is heralded as Mexico's first boutique winery, and its move to make wine from its own grapes helped spark the valley's boutique revolution.

Since 2023 every bottle comes only from its own estate vineyards in Valle de Guadalupe and Valle de Ojos Negros, farmed regeneratively with organic practices, and its winery is a model of modern eco-friendly design.

1987 FOUNDED

2 VALLEYS

18 WINES

100,000 CASES TOTAL