

MONTE XANIC
BODEGA VINÍCOLA

CABERNET SAUVIGNON · MERLOT

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2023

Richness where lift meets power.

Hot on the heels of a standout vintage, Oscar Gaona was back at it in 2023, with multiple picks, stricter pruning and a ruthless eye at selection. A long, cold winter delayed bud break to late March for the Cabernet Sauvignon in Guadalupe and late April for the Merlot in Ojos Negros, stretching the season just enough to build extra nuance and poise. Aged 12 months in second- and third-use French oak, this Cabernet-based blend is vivid, polished and effortlessly balanced, where richness meets lift and power knows when to behave.

WINEMAKER OSCAR GAONA

BLEND	STYLE	ALCOHOL	PRODUCTION	SULFITES	DRINK
Cabernet Sauvignon 75%	Red	13.4%	5,833 cases	35–40 ppm	Upon release
Merlot 25%	12 months French oak	by volume	70,000 bottles	free, at bottling	& up to 10 years

ATTRIBUTES

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

The Vineyards

Cold Ojos Negros suits elegant Merlot, while Guadalupe is ideal for Cabernet Sauvignon. 61.8 acres in all.

Guadalupe	Monte Xanic, 984 ft
Soil	Granite, lime, sand
Ojos Negros	Viña Alta & Ojos Negros
Elevation	2,254 ft
Planted	2008
Farming	Regenerative, organic

In the Cellar

Inoculated first with a non-Saccharomyces yeast to cut sulfur, then fermented in stainless steel with soft pump-overs and punch-downs.

Harvest	Sept 25 – Oct 15, 2023
Fermentation	Stainless, inoculated
Aging	12 months, 2nd & 3rd-use oak
Filtration	Sterile

The 2023 Vintage

A cold, very long winter and late bud break stretched the season, building nuance and poise.

Serve at 16–18 °C (61–64 °F).
Pair with grilled ribeye, lamb or aged cheeses.

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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