

**The Monte Xanic Estate**

**Founded:** 1987 by Hans Backoff and a group of 4 friends. It is heralded as the first boutique winery in Mexico.

**Winery Location:** The winery is located in Valle de Guadalupe near its northern end, abutting the steep slopes found on the north side of the valley.

**Vineyard Details:** The estate has vineyards at the winery proper as well as vineyard sites in other sections of Valle de Guadalupe, and significant holdings in Valle de Santos Tomas and Valle die Ojos Negros. Elevations vary from 900 ft in Valle de Guadalupe to over 1,800 in Valle de Ojos Negros. Soils are a mixture of Granite, clay and decomposed sandstone. (Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Petit Verdot, Merlot, Malbec, Syrah, and Grenache)

**Notes:**

- Many attribute the move by Monte Xanic to make wine from its own grapes (and their subsequent success) to the trend in Valle de Guadalupe for small farmers to make wine from their small parcels of estate owned grapes.
- With a large quantity of land under vine in all of the major wine growing valleys of the region, they are by far the most prolific of the boutique wineries in the region.
- Their vineyard sites are farmed organic and their winery operates as a model of modern eco-friendly design.
- The "X" in Xanic is pronounced like a "sh", so Xanic sounds like "shan-eeek". Xanic is the name of the white flower that is one of the first to bloom in spring in Valle de Guadalupe. When the spring rains are just right, the mountainside behind the winery is cloaked in their blooms.

**Total production: 18 wines, 100,000 cases**



**2024 Calixa Chardonnay - Monte Xanic**

**Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:**

The evolution of this wine continues, with the 2024 vintage shaped by a cooler, rain-influenced season balanced by enough sun to achieve full ripening. Sourced from organically farmed vineyards in Valle de Ojos Negros, it delivers both freshness and maturity with ease. More precise and lifted than ever, the wine shows bright orchard fruit, citrus, and a clean mineral edge, carried by vibrant acidity and a refined structure. A confident, focused expression that continues to elevate the Calixa line.

**3,900 cases made**

**Drinking window: Upon release - 4 years**

**Vintage:**

2024

**Blend:**

100% Chardonnay

**Producer:**

Monte Xanic

**Winemaker:**

Oscar Gaona, Mexican - lives in Valle de Guadalupe

**Vineyards:**

Ojos Negros - Kompali Vineyard. Planted in 2017 at an elevation of 2250 ft in soils of sand with a limestone substrate.  
 Valle de Guadalupe - Estate vineyards planted in 2008 at an elevation of 950 meters in soils of granite, limestone and sand.

**Winemaking:**

Grapes were harvested by hand on Aug 21st in Valle de Guadalupe and September 6th in Ojos Negros. Harvested at night to maintain maximum freshness, the grapes were manually sorted at the winery, pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks with the lowest temperatures possible for 13 days.

**35 ppm sulfites at bottling**

**Farming:**

Sustainable

**Alcohol:**

12.3%