

The Monte Xanic Estate

- Monte Xanic is heralded as the first boutique winery in Mexico, established in 1988. The story goes that this move, (and Monte Xanic's subsequent success) played a major role in starting a trend towards grape farmers making wine from their own grapes rather than raising grapes for sale.
- 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 sustainably and their winery operates as a model of modern eco-friendly design.
- The estate weds advanced technology with old world wisdom, such as harvesting all of their white grapes by hand at night in order to maintain maximum freshness and acidity.
- The "X" in Xanic is pronounced like a "sh", so Xanic sounds like "shan-eek". 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

2022 Calixa Cab Syrah - Monte Xanic

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:

Stepping up their game across all fronts, Monte Xanic is showing in this 2022 that their new dedication to higher quality extends even to their entry level Calixa line. A very light oak treatment leaves the wine fruit-froward and honest to the expression of the grapes. Delicious alone but a perfect tool for pairing as well.

Drinking window: Upon release - 7 years

Vintage:

2022

Blend:

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah

Producer: Monte Xanic

Winemaker: Oscar Gaona - Mexican, lives in Valle de Guadalupe

Vineyards:

Granite and clay mix

Aging:

Fermented in stainless steel and aged in neutral French oak for 9 months

Framing:

Sustainable

Alcohol:

13.5%