

Txakoli Malda 2022 (White Wine)



Txakoli Zudugarai is a family-run business where the effort and dedication of three generations converge to produce a classic, traditional style of Txakoli. They grow the only txakoli vineyard located within a natural park in Basque country, just 7 kilometers from the Atlantic ocean. Both Hondarrabi Zuri (white) and Hondarrabi Beltza (red) grapes are raised on trellises above the humid ground that grants Txakoli Zudugarai with a perfect coolness and noticeable minerality. Txakoli Malda offers fresh, fruity flavor, perfect freshness with a citric, juicy start and filled with a salty end.

Zudugarai directly controls every process of elaboration, not only in its cellars but also hand harvesting the grapes in its vineyards, keeping the essence and personality of txakoli. The latest technologies are assimilated in a traditional way for elaborating txakoli to produce an original wine.

Appellation	Getariako Txakolina D.O.
Grapes	100% Hondarrabi Zuri
Altitude / Soil	70-100 meters / clay soils
Farming Methods	Traditional methods
Harvest	Hand harvested in mid-late September into small boxes
Production	Clusters are sorted for cleanliness, then pressed. Fermented in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for a few months on fine lees prior to bottling
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8437005039193 / 8437005039216 / 12

Reviews:

“Txakoli Malda, Getariako Txakolina DO (Pays Basque, Spain) Hondarrabi Zuri 2022 (\$20, Grapes of Spain / Aurelio Cabestrero): The Basque region’s Txakoli wines are consistently the hidden gems that everyone should know about. Hondarrabi Zuri grapes are harvested early in the season which ensures bright acidity and lower alcohol percentages. This version only clocks in at 11.5 percent alcohol but drinks dry and has an abundance of food-friendly acidity. Despite its earlier harvest, the wine showcases excellent fruit ripeness with citrus, stone fruit, and tropical fruit notes. A light minerality supports the complexity and experience. Like many Spanish wineries, Txakoli Zudugarai is a family-run business with three generations involved in the harvest and winemaking. If you want to pour this wine like a local, pour the wine with a little distance to the glass. The rapid exposure of air while the wine runs from the bottle (or porrón if you’re really getting fancy) helps open the wine up before the first sip.”

91 points Wine Review Online; Vince Simmon Jan 30, 2024

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