

# Txakoli Malda 2018 (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.

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

## Reviews:

“Limpid yellow-gold. Ripe peach and yellow apple scents are complemented by subtle floral and mineral notes. Juicy and focused in the mouth, offering spice-accented orchard and pit fruit and citrus pith flavors that show a refreshing hint of bitterness on the back half. The long, lively finish leaves honeysuckle and pit fruit notes behind. 2021 – 2022.”

**90 points Vinous;** Josh Reynolds – June 17, 2021 *Atlantic Spain: It's Always About the Weather...*

“This Txakoli is incredibly fresh and bright. It offers light effervescence, citrus, and tangy acidity with a saline note and creamy texture. Fermented in stainless steel and aged on the lees for a few months prior to bottling. Readers who like Vinho Verde will enjoy this wine even more. 100% estate grown near the Atlantic.”

**89 points International Wine Review;** "Spanish Wines of Value and Quality" - June 20, 2019

“The 2018 Txakoli Malda” from Txakoli Zudugarai is composed entirely from the Hondurrabi Zuri grape and is a lovely example of this lightly effervescent and mineral, dry white wine. The bouquet wafts from the glass in a mix of tart pear, lime peel, salty minerality and a topnote of lemongrass. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied, bright and slightly spritz, with good intensity of flavor, zesty acids and a long, tasty finish. Good juice. 2020-2023.”

**89 points View from the Cellar;** Issue # 85 - January/February 2020

“Txakoli (pronounced “chah-kuh-lee”) hails from the Basque region of northern Spain. Made from the hondarribi zuri grape, these wines tend to be uncomfortably acidic, a surprise uppercut to the palate that can send you reeling. But they’re delicious and fascinating as long as you aren’t expecting a simple sip. Don’t drink them too cold — refrigerator temperature only emphasizes the acidity — and pair them with food, which softens the acidity and brings out fruit flavors of citrus and kiwi. What type of food? Anything vibrant or spicy. These wines can take it. The Txakoli Malda benefits from being a 2018 — the time in bottle softens the wine just a bit and gives it an appealing roundness on the palate. ABV: 11 percent.”

**2.5 stars (Exceptional/Excellent) The Washington Post;** October 2, 2020

“Txakoli Getariako Malda 2018 shows the tart, zesty side of Txakoli; think green melon, Granny Smith apples, lime zest, and fresh herbs with a mineral finish.”

**Martha Stewart;** “Why Txakolina, a Fizzy Spanish Wine, Is So Right for Summer Drinking” - May 9, 2019

