

Artomana Xarmant

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Spain

REGION: Pais Vasco

APPELLATION: Arabako Txakolina

CEPAGE: 100% Hondarrabi Zuri

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 12.5%

AGING: Two months on the lees without bâtonnage

THE STORY

Artomana Txakolina was founded in 1988, becoming the first producer in the region when twelve growers began recovering the tradition of producing Txakoli wine in Álava and established the denomination of Arabako Txakolina in 2002. The tradition of making txakoli was mostly lost throughout many of the Basque provinces (except for Getaria, where the culture never died), and their historical vine material was used to replant Álava.

Eugenio Alava Ugarte was the visionary and first generation of the project to revitalize txakoli in the 1980s and 90s. He was responsible for the vision of replanting the txakoli vineyards he remembered as a boy with his original 6ha of hondarrabi zuri in 1988. In 2005, Eugenio's two sons, the Alava brothers, furthered the family project with Artomana Txakolina.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: A lovely and "charming" field blend of native Basque grapes

AROMAS / FLAVORS: lemon, lime, and floral

MOUTHFEEL: Bright, saline packed, spritzy finish

THE SELLING POINTS

SUSTAINABILITY: Vegan

