

ARTOMAÑA 'XARMANT' TXAKOLI



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The grapes were grown on 52 acres split between eleven estate vineyards. The vines were planted in 1986. The soil is deep alluvial with loam and calcareous elements. The grapes are harvested separately, based on ripeness, and the must is extracted using a pneumatic press. After a brief cold maceration, each grape variety ferments separately with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks.

Aged two months on the lees without bâtonnage. The wine is then blended and stored at low temperatures in stainless steel for stabilization until bottling.

Eugenio Alava Ugarte was the visionary and first generation of the project to revitalize txakoli in the 1980s and 90s, 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. Up to this point, the tradition of making txakoli was mostly lost throughout many of the Basque provinces. He was responsible for the vision of replanting the txakoli vineyards he remembered as a boy with his original 15 acres of hondarrabi zuri in 1988. In 2005, Eugenio's two sons, the Alava brothers, furthered the family project by striking out on their own as Artomaña Txakolina. Together they founded a new cellar, combining their vineyards to achieve the current 52 acres and with the rebirth of the txakoli tradition, passing Eugenio's vision onto the third generation.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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