

# ITXAS HARRI ROXA ROSÉ



100% Garnacha. This old-vine garnacha rosé made by direct-press is appropriately named *Roxa*, which is “rosé” in Basque. Aromas and flavors of strawberry, citrus, white flowers and wet stones. Light and clean. It is an elegant, refreshing wine that pairs beautifully with the grilled artichokes and vegetables for which Navarra is so famous. On its own, or paired with a Mediterranean meal, *Roxa* is dry, bright, and charming.

From a vineyard in the village of Monteagudo in the northern Basque region of Navarra at 385m. The vines are over 30 years old. The soil is gravelly limestone and is an ancient seabed. The grapes are harvested in the early morning to preserve freshness. Only the free-run juice is used, with a two-hour skin maceration. The wine is then fermented with native yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks.

**Itxas Harri** was the dream of Ignacio Ameztoui and his long-time friend and winemaking partner, Iñaki Guelbenzu. Navarra is considered the garden of Spain for its top-quality produce, sheep milk cheeses and Txistorra sausage. Inspiration for Itxas Harri grew over the years with Iñaki (who is from Navarra) and Ignacio repeatedly visiting the area and searching out the best local ingredients. Iñaki is a Basque gastronome with an encyclopedic knowledge of the region, and their frequent dining trips grew into an intense appreciation for the quality of the local ingredients, which are legendary in northern Spain. Exceptional, uncomplicated ingredients and their ability to elevate the dining experience when paired, was their inspiration. They learned from older farmers in the area where the best plots could be found, with the goal of making delicate, expressive wines to compliment hard-to-pair vegetables, like the local artichoke. Finally, they were able to convince a retiring farmer to sell them 5 acres of old vines in the right location. Itxas Harri, which roughly translates to “sea stone,” are Basque table wines made by two friends, honoring the food memories and relationships made at the communal table.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*

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