



Xarmant, Araba

Xarmant D.O. Arabako Txakolina

Xarmant Txakolina 2010

At the heart of the Arabako Txakolina denomination is the winery named Arabako Txakolina and their flagship wine: Xarmant. Arabako Txakolina – the winery – was founded in 1989 as part of an effort to revitalize the wine industry in this impoverished area. According to local legend, the lamina (Basque witches) had cursed the people of Araba when they abandoned winemaking in the wake of the phylloxera epidemic. In the latter half of the 20th century the local population started to take this legend to heart and began bringing wine back into the region. Things started to get better, so in 1989 a coalition of eight growers from the same family founded Arabako Txakolina (meaning “Txakolina from Araba”) with the intention of producing the serious wine that was once made here. In 2003 their efforts were rewarded with official Denominación de Origen status being granted to the region. Things are now going well for the people here and so the locals believe that the wine charmed the lamina into lifting the curse; to honor this event the folks at Arabako Txakolina named their wine Xarmant, meaning “charming.” Charming indeed: Xarmant has a floral nose, with hints of wet stone, which gives way to a crisp palate of apples, pears and sweet berries.

Wine: Xarmant Txakolina 2010
Grapes: 80% Hondarribi Zuri and 20%
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Vine age: 10-20 years
Soil: Gray, chalky clay.
Farming: Sustainable.
Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel.

