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The Bakio region of Spain's Basque country was once the major wine producing areas of northern Spain. As Spanish wines' focus turned toward the red wines of regions such as Rioja and Priorat, this small, primarily white wine producing area started to fall into obscurity. In recent years a new-found interest in the various native wine styles of Spain has sparked interest in areas like Bakio and wines like txakolina. A trio of Bakio natives found this old winery and decided to work on bringing back the region's fabled past. The vineyards here are unique within the D.O. of Bizkaiko; the vines line the steep slopes of the Bakio valley that face toward the Atlantic Ocean. The centennial, pre-phylloxera vines are terraced on these slopes and farmed organically. They grow two types of grapes in their 12 hectares: Hondarribi Zuri and Hondarribi Beltza. 10 of the hectares are dedicated to Hondarribi Zuri and provide the juice for the Doniense Txakolina. The unique environment gives this txakolina its own, distinctive characteristics: citrus and wet stone aromas are followed by a palate of buttery, yet crisp melon flavors.

**Wine:** Doniense Txakolina 2008  
**Grapes:** 100% Hondarribi Zuri  
**Vine age:** 15 to 25 years  
**Soil:** Clay with slate subsoil  
**Farming:** Non-certified organic  
**Vinification:** Fermented in stainless steel.  
**Production:** 3,000 cases

