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Gorrondona Tinto Txakolina 2009

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. Two of these hectares are dedicated to Hondarribi Beltza, the red txakolina grape. This small amount of grapes is put to use in something truly unique: red txakolina. Made from 100% Hondarribi Beltza, the Gorrondona Tinto Txakolina is a distinctive wine with aromas of green peppers, spices, and red fruit that are followed on the palate with flavors of crushed minerals with medium tannins that yield a light and refreshing finish.

Wine: Gorrondona Tinto Txakolina 2009
Grapes: 100% Hondarribi Beltza
Vine age: 150+ years
Soil: Clay with slate subsoil.
Farming: Ancestral.
Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel.

