



MAKATZAK WILD WINES

NARRASTI

ORIGIN

Aia, Getariako, Basque Country, Spain

VARIETIES

90% Hondarrabi Zuri and
10% Hondarrabi Zuri Zerratia (aka Petit Courbu)

VINEYARD

From an organically and biodynamically farmed vineyard.

This own-rooted 3ha parcel is south-facing at 300m elevation, planted on terraces of clay loam shot through with calcareous slate, trained on *parral* (pergola), and surrounded by forest and pasture.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes are hand-harvested in 10kg boxes with initial sorting in the vineyard. 25-30% of the grapes are destemmed and skin-macerated for 3 weeks during primary fermentation, then racked into a used 400L French barrique and a 225L tinaja. The other grapes are direct-pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine ages on fine lees for 11 months before racking for assemblage, with a small SO₂ addition (16mg/L SO₂ total). The finished wine is bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Aitor Irazu founded Makatzak (“the ugly” in Basque) Wild Wines with his cousin Jon Estebanez in 2019, when they obtained the Sorgintxulo vineyard near the town of Aia in Gipuzkoa. From the outset, the goal was to farm organically and biodynamically and make wine with limited intervention in the cellar. Sorgintxulo seemed like the perfect place to make this a reality: the vineyard is a 3 hectare ecosystem, primarily planted to the local Hondarrabi Zuri grape, with some Hondarrabi Beltza mixed in. Extremely steep and south-facing, with slate and clay soils and the traditional parral-trained vines, it is isolated from its neighbors and hadn’t seen any chemical treatments in many years. Their first successful harvest was in 2021 after clearing the vineyard terraces of thick vegetation that had overgrown the vines. Organic and biodynamic certifications are being sought and should be received within a few years.

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The name means “reptile” in Basque and is a tribute to all the lizards, snakes and especially the green-black chameleons local to this vineyard area.