LLAURADOR WINES
JOSÉ PASTOR SELECTIONS

MAKATZAK WILD WINES

HARRI TA ZUR

ORIGIN

Aia, Getariako, Basque Country, Spain.

VARIETIES

90% Hondarrabi Zuri and 10% Hondarrabi Zuri Zerratia.

VINEYARD

From organically and biodynamically farmed own-rooted vines planted at 300m in a south-facing 3-hectare parcel called Sorgintxulo near the town of Aia. The parcel is terraced, and the vines are trained on pergolas. The soils are thin clay loam with calcareous and slate inclusions.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes are destemmed and pressed to ferment in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with native yeasts. Partially through fermentation, the musts are transferred to 225L neutral oak barrels to finish fermenting and go through malolactic conversion. The wine rests on lees in these barrels for 10 months, with periodic bâtonnage. Bottled without fining, filtering or SO2 addition, and aged in bottle for 12 months before release.

PRODUCER PROFILE

Aitor Irazu founded **Makatzak Wild Wines** with his cousin, **Jon Estebanez**, in 2019, when they obtained the Sorgintxulo vineyard near the town of Aia in Gipuzkoa in the Basque Country. From the outset, the goal was to farm organically and biodynamically, and make wine with limited intervention in the cellar. Sargintxulo 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. Extremely steep, facing south with slate soils and the traditional parral-trained vines, it is isolated from its neighbors and hadn't seen any chemical treatments in years. Makatzak's first successful harvest was in 2021; organic and biodynamic certifications are being sought and should be received in the next few years. In the cellar, Aitor Irazu works simply. After harvesting by hand in 10kg boxes, the grapes are fermented with native yeasts in neutral vessels and age in the same. Nothing is fined or filtered, and sometimes a small amount of sulfur (<15mg total) is added at bottling.