



2019 Katalin Iturzaeta

Rating



Reviewed by

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I tasted three consecutive vintages, including the very recently bottled 2019 Katalin Iturzaeta in the apogee of freshness. Pulling the cork revealed the presence of some gas and a very primary nose of pippin apples, orchard fruit and flowers and a faint tickle in the palate. This is a little riper but still only 12% alcohol. It's light and refreshing, clean, tender and young, with vibrant acidity, clean and long. Delicious. It's a blend of 85% Hondarribi Zuri and 5% Hondarribi Beltza. 3,000 bottles and 50 magnums were filled in May 2020.

Jokin Aranzábal is the grat-grandson of Katalin Iturzaeta, and he produces a single cuvée of a very traditional Txakoli from Getaria from 0.6 hectares of vines, most of them centenary, qith some dissolved gas and is presented in a classical Rhin bottle. Production varies between 2,500 and 4,000 bottles, depending on the vintage. He doesn't export to the US, but his wine can be found in Toronto, Canada.

