



LOCATION:
Georgia (country)
> Kakheti > Eniseli

VARIETY:
Khikhvi

WINEMAKER:
Mamuka Khurtsidze



SCIENCE

ABV: 12.1%
SUGARS: 2.4 g/L
TOTAL SO₂: 39 ppm
TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.1 g/L

Nine Oaks Khikhvi

EXPERIENCE

NAME: Khikhvi, sounds sort of like (*heek-qwee*) with the “v” sounding like a “w”. A rare grape, even in Georgia, with currently less than 200 hectares planted.

CHARACTER: The amber color expresses density and tannin. Fruit flavors of mandarin, ripe peach, and dried apricot. Floral and herbal notes include, jasmine, spearmint, and Rooibos tea. The texture is full and expressive with a minerality of potters clay and beeswax.

ENJOY WITH: Serve with richer seafood stews like a Lowcountry boil, comfort foods like casseroles and pot pie, white meats and curries. Fantastic with aged Gouda.

BEST RESULTS: Chill to 55-58° F before opening. Enjoy 10 to 20 minutes after decanting, red wine glass.

EXPRESSION

FERMENTATION & EXTRACTION: Destemmed, naturally fermented at a controlled temperature of 72° F. Grapes macerate with skins for up to 28 days in large 4000 L Qvevri before moving to tank.

ELEVAGE: After one month of fermentation and maceration the wine is racked off into tanks for 60 days with additional lees contact. After this, the wine is racked again to remove lees. bottled after one year.

FINING & FILTERING: No fining, cold stabilized, vegan.

SULFUR: A small amount of sulfur (about 5 ppm) is added after fermentation before the first racking. Added before bottling only when needed.

SOURCE

FARMING: Practicing organic farming with wild grasses growing in the vineyards. No chemicals used, only copper and sulfur to protect the vines between April and August, organic fertilizers.

LAND: 4.5 hectares planted. Located at 1,300 feet a.s.l in the Kindzmarauli subzone. Alluvial soils of sandy loam mixed with red calcareous clays high in iron, called “cinnamonic.”

VINE: Young vines planted in 2013, single cordon trellising.

HARVEST AND PRODUCTION: All estate, hand-harvested and sorted fruit, less than 800 cases produced.

