



# The Daily Drinker

2018 Smederevka, Tikves Winery

ref. TIKV180

**Wine Variety:** Smederevka is the most widely planted white variety in the Republic of Macedonia, but it seems likely that its origins are in Bulgaria, where there is some genetic diversity. A legend that it was brought to Bulgaria from Egypt by the crusaders is likely to be no more than that: a legend.

**Wine Region:** The Republic of Macedonia is a landlocked country that used to be part of Yugoslavia. Indeed, greater Macedonia also covered parts of Greece and Bulgaria, too. The Greeks still dispute the use of the name. 85% of the country's vineyard area is within the central River Vardar valley; 41% in Tikves, from where comes this wine. It is now thought that this region is the cradle of global wine production. Recent investment has given rise to a resurgence of quality in the Republic of Macedonia.

**Wine Producer:** Tikves Winery opened its doors 130 years ago and is apparently the largest and oldest winery in south-east Europe. Bought in 2003 by the Texas-based M6 Investment Group, Tikves has been the beneficiary of €30M of new investment and is now a fully modernised winery.

Single Bottle **£8.50**

member price: £7.65

Six Bottle Case **£51.00**

member price: £45.90



**Style:**

Dry White - light



**Grape Variety:**

Kratosija



**Producer:**

Tikves Winery



**Serving Temperature:**

*not specified*



**Alcohol Content:**

11%



**Country:**

Republic of Macedonia



**Appellation:**

*not specified*



**Drink By:**

2020



**Bottle Size:**

75cl



**Region:**

Tikves



**Colour:**

Still White



**Food:**

Aperitif  
Cheese  
Chicken  
Fish  
Salads



**Tasting Notes:**

A pale greenish gold, very clear. Nose has traces of minerals to the reserved apple and lemon fruit. I can also sense a light floral waft. The palate has pleasing presence and density. It's firm, becoming increasingly structured, finally slightly tannic, even. It's a really long thing and well cached within the fruit is a fresh acidic theme. Palate fruit is lightly salted apples. Delicious. And in no way frivolous. Quite drinkable on its own, too.

**#3wordtastingnote:** orchard, fresh, light

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