



# THE DAILY DRINKER

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## 2019 Smederevka, Tikves Winery

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**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

 <b>Style:</b> Dry White - light	 <b>Grape Variety:</b> Smederevka	 <b>Producer:</b> Tikves Winery	 <b>Serving Temperature:</b> 9°C
 <b>Alcohol Content:</b> 11%	 <b>Country:</b> Republic of North Macedonia	 <b>Appellation:</b> not specified	 <b>Drink By:</b> 2021
 <b>Bottle Size:</b> 75cl	 <b>Region:</b> Tikves	 <b>Colour:</b> Still White	 <b>Food:</b> Aperitif Canapés Cheese Chicken Fish Salads

### Tasting Notes:

One has to go hunting for the nose here, but one can locate clean scents of orchard fruit including a rather pithy citrus smell, along with spring flowers. The palate offers a firm experience in the mouth, the admirable density backed by firm pithy freshness. It is altogether a refreshing experience and a very nice thing to drink, on its own or with salads.

**#3wordtastingnote:** clean, citrus, fresh

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