



THE DAILY DRINKER

2019 Krakhuna, Vachnadziani Winery

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Wine Variety: Not much to report on this indigenous Georgian grape variety. In the early noughties there were but 86 acres of this vine planted in its native region in the western part of the country. It seems it has been known since at least the eighteenth century and in addition to making dry white wines appears to have potential for fortified wine production.

Wine Region: We're in the cradle of global wine production here, where archaeologists have unearthed wineries demonstrably 8,000 years old. It's clear that wine growing and drinking has been a part of Georgian culture for many, many centuries. And it is a country of a myriad climates and terroirs producing a wide range of wine styles from a slew of indigenous grapes. Most recently, the country has escaped the yoke of soviet control, a period during which high-yielding vine varieties were prioritised (volume rather than quality being necessitated by the USSR market) and its wineries are again concentrating on producing high-quality wines, many of which are made in large, subterranean clay vessels called qevri.

Wine Producer: Vachnadziani was established in 1953 and is one of the oldest wineries in Georgia. During the Soviet years the vineyard fell into disrepair, but now the vineyards and cellars have received considerable investment. The aim is to preserve their ancient wine culture while combining it with cutting edge technology. With over 1,000 hectares of vineyard, covering the Kakheti region in eastern Georgia and the Imereti, Racha and Lechkumi regions in western Georgia, Vachnadziani cultivates 25 vine varieties - the majority of which are indigenous.

Single Bottle **£12.50**
member price: £11.25

Six Bottle Case **£75.00**
member price: £67.50

 Style: Dry White - light	 Grape Variety: Krakhuna	 Producer: Vachnadziani Winery	 Serving Temperature: 8°C
 Alcohol Content: 12.5%	 Country: Georgia	 Appellation: not specified	 Drink By: 2020
 Bottle Size: 75cl	 Region: Kakheti	 Colour: Still White	 Food: Aperitif Fish Salads

Tasting Notes:

There's a hint of cold ferment to be found on the nose of this pale wine. Sniff again and one finds orchard fruits - pear and apple - accented by a hint of something floral. It smells clean and delicious. The palate is squeaky clean as well and through those orchard fruits comes a streak of zippy acidity. There's earth inside, too. It's very long. A fresh and lovely thing, this.

#3wordtastingnote: clean, zippy, pear

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