



# Chacolí de Bizkaia (west)

## Bodegas Berroja

### Winery Info Sheet



Denominación de Origen  
Txakoli de Bizkaia

**Proprietor:** Bodegas Berroja founded in 2001 currently owns 37 acres (15 Ha) of vineyards in the town of Muxika, Bizkaia.

**Winemaker / Vineyard Manager:** Jon Aguirre / Jose A. Carrero.

**Location:** Located in Zone 3 in the north of Spain between San Sebastian and Bilbao (Closer to Bilbao), in the town of Muxika – Basque Country at 794 ft altitude.

**Wines Made:** Berroia and others not currently imported by Ole.

**Climate:** Zone 3, Continental Atlantic climate with cold nights and high levels of rainfall. *Temperatures* between April and October average 59.6° F, and *rainfall* between the same period amounts to 31.1 inches . These levels of rainfall and temperatures are drastic and uncommon in Spain. Rainfall in this area is higher than Rias Baixas (Zone 1) and temperatures are similar to Zone 1 and 2. Due to these unique climatic conditions many varietals will not be able to adapt in this area, however by the same token the main Varietal (Hondarribi) does not grow anywhere else. *The DO Chacolí de Bizkaia located west of Chacolí de Guetaria is higher in rainfall, altitude and slightly lower in temperatures, making wines that are even more so, driven by acidity than in Getariako.*

**Soils:** Very steep vineyards (12% slope) making these soils faster draining, and allowing the vines to have greater sun exposure due to its proximity to 90° angle. Soils are composed of limestone and sand on its surface and subsoil. Sand and limestone are heat retaining soils containing low to medium organic materials. All these different elements, specially its steep slope make this area unique and feasible for making wines. Steeper soils accelerate the ripening period even though temperatures might be cooler, resulting in earlier harvest dates.

**What makes Berroia unique?** 1) Steep soils (12%) allowing for a drier environment which offsets its high rainfall levels of 31.1 inches. 2) great quality / price ratio. 3) Growing small amounts of Folle Blanche and Riesling grapes allows this producer achieve new flavors that are richer in complexity.



There are 544 acres of vineyard land in Chacolí de Bizkaia.

Two Txakoli's	Average Temp.	Rain Fall	Slope	Alt.
Guetaria	60.4° F	26.5 in	7%	338 ft
Bizkaia	59.6° F	31.1 in	12%	794 ft

Guetaria Chacolí (*Getariako Txakolina in Basque*) is East of Bizkaiko Chacolí (*Bizkaiko Txakolina*).



Berroja vineyards with 12% steep slopes.

#### BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES (2006)	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
HONDARRABI ZURI	31	8	SAND AND LIMESTONE	794 ft	12%
FOLLE BLANCHE	2	6	SAND AND LIMESTONE	794 ft	12%
RIESLING	4	6	SAND AND LIMESTONE	794 ft	12%



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Bizkaiko Txakolina.

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**Name of Wine:** Berroia 2005

**Producer:** Bodegas Berroja

**DO:** Chacolí de Bizkaia (Zone # 3) Climate: Continental Atlantic

**Grape:** 90% Hondarribi Zuri, 6% Folle Blanche and 4% Riesling.

**Soils:** Sand on its surface and Limestone on its Subsoil with 12% slopes

**Production:** 1500 Cases made – 700 for the U.S.

**Wine Maker:** Jon Aguirre

**Ageing:** Stainless Steel.

**Notes:**

Berroia 2005 IWC **88 pts**

Bright straw color. Brisk, stony scents of green apple, pear, minerals and ginger. Tangy and clean, with a light spritz adding refreshment and nerve to the racy apple flavor.

Gains weight on the finish, taking on a peachy quality but retaining nerve and spice. Drink up. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006