



## TBILISI RED 2016

### JSC Tbilvino, Kakheti, Georgia

**LCBO # 588616 | 12.5 % alc./vol. | \$14.95 | Release: 19-Jan-2019**

Red, medium sweet wine produced from superior quality Eastern and Western Georgian Saperavi (70%) with an elegant touch (30%) of white Rkatsiteli from Kakheti region.

Unlike famous Alazani wine (that has similar composition), this Kakheti wine is made in a dry process.

A light garnet in colour wine offers the aromas of pomegranate, forest fruits and spices. It has firm acidity along with powdery, mouth-filling tannins.

#### History:

The story of the company begins in 1962, when one of the most powerful wine factories in the USSR was launched – Tbilvino. For years 90% of Georgian wines were made in this factory.

In the late 1990s it emerged as an independent wine company with new dynamic management, philosophy and approaches. Currently Tbilvino is again one of the largest, most awarded producers and exporters of high quality wines from Georgia.



#### Vinification:

Maceration 4 days. Fermentation at controlled ~26°C temperature in stainless steel vats.

**Varieties:** Saperavi 70%, Rkatsiteli 30%

**Residual Sugar:** 4 g/L

**Serving suggestion and food pairing:** Serve at 16 C°, great companion to beef and poultry dishes with sour dressings.



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# CANADIAN ACCOLADES

John Szabo, 2019	Raisined, wet wood and ink-inflected, this is fairly typical of the region and variety (saperavi, with the addition of white rkatsiteli), dry, pleasantly bitter like black cherries, with decent length. Try this with herb-inflected lamb stew or similar for a nice surprise. Tasted January 2019. Value Rating: **1/2. <a href="http://www.winealign.com">www.winealign.com</a>
Michael Godel, 2019	From the Kakheti region the blend brings together red saperavi and white rkatsiteli (r-kats-itelli) grapes for nothing but a delicious little Georgian number. Smells like fresh tar, wilting roses and in a way like well-developed cabernet franc. Would be ideal alongside cheese stuffed pastry and tomato-rice stuffed grape leaves. Drink 2019-2020. Tasted January 2019. <a href="http://www.winealign.com">www.winealign.com</a>
David Lawrason, 2019	This is an easy going, fruity and quite simple Georgian red for easy drinking. Plummy grapy fruit here with some tea/mulch character as well. Oak is modest. So is the tannin. Very good length. Chill a bit. Tasted Jan 2019. <a href="http://www.winealign.com">www.winealign.com</a>