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Ilo Menabde began his journey in wine at just five years old while helping in his grandfather's vineyard in Racha. After dreaming of returning to their village, he bought a nearby vineyard in 2015 and soon started his own project. His wines are produced from rare grape varietals of the region, such as Tetra and Shavi Kabistoni, all of which are fermented and aged instainless steel. If you ask him though, he identifies as more of a vinegrower than anything else.

VINTAGE: 2021 REGION: Racha, Georgia GRAPES: Rtskhili YEAST: Ambient **MACERATION: 1** month (4 days on skins) **FERMENTATION VESSEL: Stainless steel** AGING: 11 months in stainless steel **CLARIFICATION/FILTRATION: Unfiltered/** Unfined **FARMING: Organic ALCOHOL CONTENT: 12%** ADDED SO2: None **RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.6 g/L SOIL: Clay VINE AGE: 4 years TOTAL PRODUCTION: 102 bottles** VOLUME: 750mL

