

## Tips for a Successful Wine Trip to the Republic of Georgia From Harriet Lembeck

### Wines that I admired en route included:

- Tsoliskouori 'Lime Rock' white, Imereti region
- Château Mukhrani red Shavkapito, Kartli Region
- Alaverdi Monastery Cellar (11th C.) red Saperavi 2011, Kakheti Region
- Khareba Winery Otskhanuri Sapere, Imereti Region
- Kindzmarauli Wine Cellar Marani, Kakheti Region
- Shumi Winery red Saperavi 2008, Tsinandali PDO, Kakheti Region
- Schuchman's Winery white Rkatsiteli 2013, Tsinandali PDO, Kakheti
- Pheasant's Tears Winery white Rkatsiteli 2011, Kakheti Region
- Bagratoni Rosé Brut 2010 Sparkling Wine, Traditional Method, Imereti
- Winiveria Gianniani Chacha (Saperavi Grape Vodka), Kakheti Region
- Sarajishvili VSOP Wine Brandy, 8-10 years old, blend of Regions



### Before you go, for good preparation, read:

- *Georgia, Sakartvelo: The Birthplace of Wine* by Terry and Kathy Sullivan; Infinity Publishing; 877-BUY BOOK; <http://birthplace-ofwine.winetrailtraveler.com>
- *Skin Contact* by Alice Feiring; distributed by the National Wine Agency of Georgia
- Be sure to contact Tamta Kvelaidze, Regional Manager, Marketing Dept., National Wine Agency of Georgia, at [tamtakvelaidze@gmail.com](mailto:tamtakvelaidze@gmail.com).

### Information on Georgian wines in the US:

- For the names of US importers of Georgian wines, please write to me at [h.lembeck@wineandspiritsprogram.com](mailto:h.lembeck@wineandspiritsprogram.com).



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