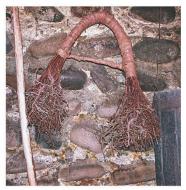
QVEVRI CLEANING TOOLS



Georgian Wine Club

Krazana

Krazana is found in the eastern part of Georgia. It is a tool used for washing qwevi and is made of a plant called St.John's Wort (Hypericum Perforatum), Krazana being the Georgian name of it. Qvevri is washed with the roots of this plant while it serves as an antiseptic as well. A Krazana tool can be used for cleaning several quevris, however, after multiple uses it wears out and can no more be used for another season. Krazana scrubber is best for large capacity quevris, when a washer usually climbs into a quevri to clean it.



Gviis Tsotskhi (Juniperus Brush)

Gviis Tsotskhi is made of evergreen plants, Junipers, that are coniferous plants in the genus Juniperus of the cypress family Cupressaceae. They have short, needle-like leaves grow berry-like, reddish-blueish fruits.

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Sartskhi (Cherry-Bark Scrubber)

Sartskhi is a marani tool mostly found in western wine producing regions of Georgia. It is made of the bunch of bitter cherry tree barks which is pressed skilfully by a craftsman and attached to a long handle. Various cherry or bright red sour cherry barks were also used to make Sartskhi. In rare cases, it was made of Birch trees.



Orkhela (Two-Handed) Sartskhi

Orkhela Sartskhi is made of the same material, however, as the name suggests, this quevil tool has two short handles that allow a washer to hold and use it with both hands while cleaning quevi. It is common in the western part of Georgia and is rarely found in the east part of the country.



Orchkhushi

Orchkhushi is a qvevri cleaning tool found in Samegrelo and Guria regions. Several bunches of corn husks are attached with a wire or a string to a long wooden stick.



Machachuri

Machachuri is common in every wine producing region of Georgia. It is made of a piece of cloth that is attached to a long wooden stick and is used to remove remained water (that was pumped in and out several times until quevri became pristine) from the bottom of qvevri and to make it dry inside.



Ochiora

Ochiora is mostly found in the western part of Georgia. It is made of a short wooden board that has crevices on opposite ends that serve as a "lock out" when the board is placed between two stakes. The stakes are inserted into the ground while the board is covering the quevri mouth. There is also either round, oval or square shaped hole in the middle of the board that gives access to the inner surface of quevri and protects its top from being damaged by the handles of cleaning tools.

Tagvisara

Clay Khelkotana, named as "Chapruka" as well, is the smallest one among all clay marani tools and its volume ranges from 1 to 1.5 liters. It is used for taking out wine from qvevri and pouring it into large wine vessels. Because of its compact size, it fits nicely in the small-capacity qvevris. It is common mostly in Eastern Georgia, specifically in the Kakheti region.







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