

QVEVRI CLEANING TOOLS



Georgian Wine Club

Krazana

Krazana is found in the eastern part of Georgia. It is a tool used for washing qvevri 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 qvevris, however, after multiple uses it wears out and can no more be used for another season. *Krazana* scrubber is best for large capacity qvevri, when a washer usually climbs into a qvevri 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. *Gviis Tsotskhi* is common in Kakheti region, especially in Kiziki sub-region and is usually rare in Kartli region. It is also found in Atenis Kheoba of Shida Kartli region. Like *Krazana* tool, *Gviis Tsotskhi* is used for washing large capacity qvevris when a washer climbs into a qvevri to clean it.



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 skillfully 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.



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.



Orkhela (Two-Handed) Sartskhi

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

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 qvevri became pristine) from the bottom of qvevri and to make it dry inside.



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.



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 qvevri 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 qvevri and protects its top from being damaged by the handles of cleaning tools.



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