



ALPHA ESTATE

Single Vineyard “Hedgehog”

HISTORY -

Alpha Estate is presided over by winemaker Angelos Latridis and vinegrower Makis Mavridis. Angelo studied in Bordeaux and is considered by many to be Greece's most promising winemaker. Together they cultivate international varieties as well as indigenous Greek varieties, and all the wines are crafted in Alpha's state-of-the-art gravity-flow winery. Alpha is considered one of the most cutting-edge producers in Greece and has established one of the most technologically advanced vineyards in the viticulture world. They always strive for precision grape-growing and focused terroir-driven wines that are bold and exciting.

ECOSYSTEM -

The privately owned vineyard of the estate is situated on a plateau at an altitude exceeding 2,034 feet with a northwest exposure. The local climate is characterized by cold winters and dry summers. Additionally, two neighboring lakes contribute to the existence of a mild semi-continental climate. The sandy-clay texture of the soil, assuring an ideal drainage producing wines of exquisite quality and rich aromas.

VINIFICATION -

Destemming, light crushing, cold soak - skin contact under controlled conditions, alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel tanks with gradual increase in temperatures, maintenance of wine “sur lie” for many months with regular stirring.

AGEING -

Aged for 12 months in 50% new, 50% used (max twice used), French Allier Oak casks. Spends 12 months in bottle before being released.

TASTING NOTES -

Bright purple-red color. Complex, typical bouquet of small berries red fruits, leather, and spices (vanilla, pepper, clove), with hints of ripe blackberry. Full mouth, rounded tannins, balanced acidity, and well-integrated wood tones. Long aftertaste with intense quince aroma.

COMPOSITION - 100% Xinomavro

ALTITUDE - 2,034-2,329 ft

REGION - Florina - Amyndeon

IRRIGATION - Rootzone, R.D.I.

CLASSIFICATION - P.D.O. Amyndeon

ALCOHOL % - 13.87%

AGE OF VINES - Planted in 2000

PH - 3.23

VINE TRAINING - Single Cordon VSP. 4.700 shoots/ha

TOTAL ACIDITY - 7.32 grams/liter

SOIL PROFILE - Sandy Clay Over Limestone, Excellent Drainage