

ALPHA ESTATE

Ecosystem Tannat Single Block “Vrachos”



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, optical grape sorting and light crushing. Cold soak, skin contact, alcoholic fermentation by indigenous flora isolated from the specific block, at gradual increasing temperatures with “pigeage”, maintenance of wine “sur lies” for 12 months with regular stirring.

AGEING -

Aged for 18 months in new Allier - Bertrange French Oak casks, medium grain, white toasted. 12 months in bottle before release. No treatment or filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES -

Opaque ruby color. Fine, rich, intense. Black crystalline fruits, cassis, leather, cocoa, spices. Full body, creamy, with tasty ripe tannins. Well balanced and round with excellent development in the mouth and long aftertaste.

COMPOSITION - 100% Tannat

ALTITUDE - 2,165 ft

REGION - Florina - Amyndeon

IRRIGATION - Rootzone, R.D.I.

CLASSIFICATION - P.G.I. Florina

ALCOHOL % - 14.83%

AGE OF VINES - Planted in 1998

PH - 3.28

VINE TRAINING - Double Cordon VSP. 3.900 shoots/ha

TOTAL ACIDITY - 6.80 grams/liter

SOIL PROFILE - Alluvial Sandy Clay Over Limestone, Excellent Drainage