



Tasting notes for The Wines of Greece with Pippa Hayward, August 12th 2024

1. Mitravelos “White on Grey “ Moschofilero 2023, P.D.O. Mantinea, Peloponnese

100% Moschofilero, a “Gris” grape that when ripe, has pink skin. It’s native to the Mantinea region of the northeast Peloponnese where it grows from 500 metres altitude up. Aromatic and fresh yet with good texture and length when some skin contact is used. Typical aromas of orange blossom, ripe citrus and stone fruit. 12% *Supplier - The Wine Society*

2. Domaine Kokotos, Malagousia 2023 Thessalonika

100% Malagousia, an ancient white variety native to Thessalonika, identified and propagated by Evangelos Gerovassiliou while working at Porto Carras. Aromatic and quite rich in mouth feel with typical notes of ripe peach and apricot, with a spicy edge to the flavour -sometimes likened to Viognier. 12.5% *Supplier - The Wine Society*

3. The Society’s Exhibition Assyrtiko 2021, Artemis Karamolegos, P.D.O. Santorini

90% Assyrtiko and 10% a mix of the other local grapes Athiri and Aidani from one of the island’s best producers. While Assyrtiko is now widely cultivated on the mainland, nowhere epitomises its tense, saline, acidic and mineral character as does Santorini’s black volcanic soil. The average age of the vines here is 50 years old. 13% *Supplier - The Wine Society*

4. Mitravelos “Red on Black” Agiorgitiko 2023, P.D.O.Nemea

“Saint George” is the ancient native variety of the Nemea region in the north east corner of the Peloponnese. Here altitudes can reach 800 metres so the climate is cool and well suited to long ripening. It produces generous, juicy yet fresh red and dark cherry fruit and fine tannins that works well with Mediterranean and Middle eastern food 14% - *Supplier - The Wine Society*

5. Lyrarakis “Aggelis Vineyards Liatiko 2021, P.D.O. Crete

Liatiko is Crete’s main red grape -Lyrarakis one of the island’s best wineries whose focus is firmly on the island’s own native varieties, Winemaker Miriam Ambu works with natural yeasts, low sulphur and doesn’t fine her wines. The delicate pale red colour of this 100% Liatiko belies a punchy palate with fresh and spicy red fruits 15% *Supplier –The Good Wine Shop*

6. Apostolos Thymiopoulos, Rapsani “Terra Petra “2019 P.D.O. Rapsani, Macedonia

Thymiopoulos is one of the best of the new generation of growers working miracles with Xinomavro - the greatest red grape of Greece. Working in the modern style he aims for gentle handling in the winery and fresh, intense fruit. In the Rapsani region south of the highest parts of Macedonia, Xinomavro must be blended with the two local varieties of Krassato and Stavroto . 13%
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