



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Mathew Argyros
Winemaker: Mathew Argyros
Total acreage under vine: 104
Estate founded: 1903
Region: Santorini
Country: Greece

Estate Argyros Aidani 2015

WINE DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1903, the Argyros Estate is located on the island of Santorini, famed for its spiraling vines and white washed churches. In 1950, the Argyros vineyards were passed down to the founder's son, who tripled the estate from 5 to 15 acres. Yiannis Argyros, the third-generation owner of the estate who took over in 1974, began looking beyond the local market for his wines. Today, Mathew Argyros, the fourth generation of family winemakers, continues his father's legacy by making legendary wines from Assyrtiko and other indigenous Santorinian varietals, using traditional techniques.

The estate vineyards are located primarily in Episkopi and Prygos, which are prime locations for Assyrtiko. The ungrafted vines range in age from 30 to over 150 years, and are trained into basket-shaped bowls, a traditional technique called "koulara". The inorganic soil of the island of Santorini is naturally immune to Phylloxera and many other vineyard pests, reducing the need for synthetic herbicides & pesticides. Estate Argyros practices sustainable viticulture, using composted grape must as fertilizer, and plowing the vineyards with mules.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The vineyards used for Estate Argyros Aidani are located on the slopes of Episkopi, and are on average 50 years old. The ungrafted vines are basket pruned, and dry farmed. Grapes are hand-picked in August.

WINE PRODUCTION

After a thorough selection of the grapes, cryoextraction follows in order to maintain the pure, aromatic character of this unique varietal.

TASTING NOTES

Aidani is a rare indigenous variety to Santorini, known for its rich, elegant bouquet. This aromatic white possesses fresh aromas of lemon, tropical fruits and an undertone of minerality. Silky texture on the palate, with a well-balanced acidity.

FOOD PAIRING

Excellent as an aperitif wine or as an accompaniment for fresh salads, rice dishes, seafood and fish.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Soil composition:	Volcanic and Sand
Average Vine Age:	50 years
Harvest time:	August
First vintage of this wine:	2004

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Aidani
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13.0 %
pH level:	3.0
Residual sugar:	1.2 g/L
Acidity:	6.0 g/L