



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Vassilis Papagiannakos
 Winemaker: Vassilis Papagiannakos
 Total acreage under vine: 150
 Estate founded: 1919
 Winery production: 250,000 Bottles
 Region: Attica
 Country: Greece

Domaine Papagiannakos Merlot 2012

WINE DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1919, Domaine Papagiannakos is located in the Attica region of Central Greece, just 18 miles from Athens. Today, the winery is run by the 3rd generation, Vassilis Papagiannakos, who has issued a new era of modern winemaking while still maintaining the family's dedication to cultivating and preserving the region's most famous indigenous grape, Savatiano. The winery produces a small amount of red wine, showcasing both the indigenous Agioritiko as well as international varietals.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The vineyards used for the Papagiannakos Merlot are located in southeastern Attica at an altitude of 295 feet. The vineyard is relatively young, with an average of 20-years-old, and has a southeast-facing exposure. The vineyard is farmed without irrigation, resulting in low-yielding vines that produce grapes with rich, concentrated fruit flavors.

WINE PRODUCTION

The grapes undergo a prolonged extraction in order to produce a full-flavored, richly hued wine. Aged in new French oak barrels for 14 months prior to bottling. Vinified in a dry style, this wine bears the regional Attiki PGI appellation designation.

TASTING NOTES

Deep red in color, this Merlot showcases aromas of red fruit, dried fruit, spices and vanilla on the nose. Rich and complex on the palate, with silky tannins, balanced acidity and a long, lasting finish.

FOOD PAIRING

The structure of this red wine makes it an ideal pairing for a variety of red meat dishes and wild game, as well as charcuterie and hard cheeses.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Soil composition:	Limestone
Elevation:	295 feet
Exposure:	Southeastern
Average Vine Age:	20 years

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Merlot
Length of maceration:	15 days
Type of aging container:	Barrels
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Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	14 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13.5 %
pH level:	3.6
Residual sugar:	1.9 g/L
Acidity:	4.5 g/L