



Alpha Estate Xinomavro, Hedgehog Vyd

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"...one of those hot estates that should draw consumer attention. This winery has is making terrific wines." - Robert E. Parker's The Wine Advocate

Alpha Estate is located in the heart of the Amyndeon, a wine region in the Northwest of Greece. The estate's vineyards cover over 160 acres situated on a plateau around 2,000 feet above sea level. Moderate temperatures and heavy winter rains create ideal conditions for the grapes to ripen. Poor soils with good drainage create a mild water deficit, resulting in small berries with intense red color & concentrated flavors & aromas.

Alpha Estate is presided over by Angelo Iatridis, considered by many to be Greece's most promising winemaker. Angelo

cultivates 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 the most technologically advanced vineyards in the viticulture world. They always strive for precision grape-growing and focused terrior-driven wines that are bold and exciting.

Varietal Composition:	100% Xinomavro
Classification:	PDO Amyndeon
Vineyard Location:	Amyndeon plateau, Amyndeon viticulture zone. "Hedgehog" sub-region. 2,100ft altitude, with northern exposure
Soil:	Sandy - sandy clay soil with excellent drainage.
Vinification:	Destemming, no crushing, cold soak– skin contact under controlled conditions, alcoholic fermentation at gradual increase temperatures, maintenance of wine "sur lie" for eight months with regular stirring. 12 mos in French oak casks and 12 mos in bottle.
Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	6.6g/l
pH:	3.37
Winemaker Notes:	Splendid, purple red color. Complex, typical bouquet of leather and spices (vanilla, pepper, clove), with hints of ripe blackberry. Full mouth, rounded tannins, balanced acidity and wood tones. Long finish with intense quince aroma.
Quantities Produced:	5,000 cases