

Tasting notes
Oenorama 2012

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1 Introduction

You will find below several wines that I thought

- (a) Are interesting
- (b) Are not sufficiently known

in Oenorama 2012, 16-19 March in Athens, the main wine fair in Greece.

The order of presentation is as tasted. Most of the wines I tasted were white. The hyperlinks link to the files for those wines that had one which detail various info as grape varieties, etc.

This report excludes the wines of Crete that were tasted earlier at Oenotika, (10-12 March) and reported elsewhere.

2 White wines

1. **Kydonitsa (Tsibidi)**. Reserved nose in between fruit (quince!) and minerals. In the mouth it starts fresh with medium body at midpalate.

2. **Ampotis (Oinopoiia Petralonon, C.D.Kalaitzis)** Muscat (100%). A well affirmed nose of muscat, rather elegant though. A well balanced body.

3. **Psiles Korfes (EOS Samos)** A fragrant and elegant nose of muscat. Vivid first impression in the mouth, with good balance and aroma at mid-palate. Excellently understated aromas.
4. **Apopsi (Mylonas Winery)** A fragrant and complex nose of fruits of Savvatiano. Fruity and well balanced body, medium finish. The oak is hardly perceptible. An excellent bargain.
5. **Lagorthi-Assyrtiko (Domaine Mega Spilaio)** Complex notes mixing fruit (mainly quince) and subtle oak notes. Balanced first impression presenting fruit at the midpalate and a medium finish.
6. **Moscoudi-Assyrtiko (Domaine Papargyriou)** A remarkably fragrant while elegant nose followed by a vivid body (with traces of CO₂), fully aromatic and a long finish.
7. **Rodos 2400 (CAIR)** An interesting nose with a mix of fruity and mineral aromas. In the mouth, a vivid first impression with a balance of acidity and fruit, medium body and good finish.
8. **Savvatiano (Papagiannakos Winery)** A impressively fragrant nose dominated with melon and banana aromas. A vivid impression in the mouth followed by CO₂, a good acidity, plenty of fruit. An excellent aperitif.
9. **Perivleptos (Theodorakakos Winery)** Elegant fruity nose. Good acidity, followed by fruit and light body.
10. **Kydonitsa (Domaine Theodorakakos)** Beautiful fruity nose dominated by quince notes. Vivid and fruity body with medium weight.
11. **Malagouzia (Lykos Winery)** Elegant and fragrant nose with the typical Malagouzia aromas of Frankincense. Smooth, with excellent balance, substantial body and long finish.
12. **Mikri Kivotos (Lantides Winery)** Elegant fruity nose. It has a lively acidity, good balance and a medium body. A medium finish dominated by acidity.
13. **Malagouzia (Domaine Antonopoulos)** A very interesting and unusual malagouzia nose, towards mineral aromas. In the mouth it has excellent fruit, superb balance, mineral notes and long finish.

14. **Kamara (Domaine Kioutsoukis)** A fine nose mixing fruity and mineral aromas. In the mouth the first impression is fashioned by the substantial CO₂, good balance, medium body and finish.
15. **Malagouzia (Domaine Pyrgakis)** Excellent nose between the fruity and the mineral. Round and balanced body with excellent fruit, and long finish.
16. **Malagouzia Matsa (Boutari Wines)** Excellent and unusual mineral nose. Vivid body with traces of CO₂, lively acidity and medium finish.
17. **CP (Domaine Claudia Papayianni)** Complex aromatic nose. Smooth body, full of fruit, long finish.
18. **Roditis (Tetramythos Winery)** A complex mineral nose. light body, some CO₂, good acidity and balance medium finish.
19. **Lykopetra (Domaine Haraboglou)** Complex mineral nose. Excellent balance, good acidity, mineral flavors and medium-long finish.
20. **Roditis-Xynomavro (Evangelos Hatzivaritis)** A very unusual wine made from a mix of Roditis and xynomavro vinified as blanc de noirs. Complex nose evoking quince, tomato and beewax. Vivid impression with balanced acidity fruity aromas as in the nose and a full body. Long finish.
21. **Linon (D. Stavropoulos)** Excellent complex nose of fruits and minerals. Vivid introduction, some CO₂, good balance, plenty of fruit and medium finish.
22. **Assyrtiko (Mylonas Winery)** Mineral nose. Vivid introduction, some CO₂, good fruit, medium body and finish.
23. **Assyrtiko sur Lies (Domaine Evharis)** Complex and rich nose between flowers, fruits and minerals. A vivid attack in the mouth lively acidity, rich fruit, full body and medium finish.
24. **Moschofilero (Domaine Skouras)** Subtle aromatic nose. Lively acidity in the mouth, some CO₂ and medium body.

25. **Golden Angel (sur Lies) (Domaine Repanis)** Complex nose with melon and flower components. Smooth attack traces of CO₂, medium body and finish.
26. **Electus (Domaine Lafazanis)** Unusual elegant nose with a dominant of quince notes. Smooth body with excellent fruit, medium weight and finish.
27. **Blanc de Gris (Tselepos Winery)** Superbly elegant nose with dominant of rose. Very good balance in the mouth, full of fruit, medium body. Long finish with a bit of bitter-taste.
28. **Nykteri (Santo Wines)** Nice complex mineral nose. Full bodied with good balance and nice fruit.
29. **Assyrtiko Grand Reserve (Santo Wines)** Complex nose with oak, petrol, beewax and mineral aromas. Smooth mouthfeel, rich aromas, full bodied, and long finish.
30. **Cava 2008 (Domaine Parparousis)** A blend of 75% Assyrtiko and the rest Athiri, it is produced in excellent years and spends one year in oak barrels. Its has a subtle and unusual nose with hints of wax and wild flowers. It is smooth in the mouth with rich texture, full body and long finish.

3 Red Wines

1. **Oinari 2008 (Domaine Parparousis)** Expressive nose with spices and red currants. Smooth in the mouth, excellent balance medium body and finish. Probably the best bargain among Greek wines.
2. **Taos 2005 (Domaine Parparousis)** This is a 100% Mavrodaphe wine vinified dry and spending two years in oak. Complex nose with spices and mint flavors. Freshness in the mouth, tannins still present, good balance, spicy and menthol flavors and long finish with oak notes coming back.
3. **Syrah Special Cuvee 2006 (Avantis Estate)** Superb nose dominated by red fruits, rather complex. Excellent body, with balance, round

almost evanescent tannins, fullthrottle fruit and long finish. An excellent wine at a stiff price (50 euros).

4. **Xynomavro Reserve 2008 (Alpha Estate)** Nose dominates at this stage by subtle oak flavors and xynomavro's telltale tomato paste. In the mouth it provides good balance, round tannin, a mixture of oak flavors and fruit, and long finish.

4 Sweet Wines

1. **Melias (Domaine Papagiannakos)** Excellent nose with dominant flavors of honey and Frankincense. Smooth mouthfeel, good acidity and balance, similar aromas, and a long finish dominated by Frankincense notes.
2. **Muscat de Rio (Domaine Parparousis)** Superb fresh nose typical of muscat. Excellent balance, long fragrant finish.