

Intensively fruit-driven nose with aromas of cherry, fresh berries and a hint of tomato leaves.

OENOPS APLA RED



Founded in 2015 by celebrated Greek wine maker Nikos Karatzas, Oenops is the most newly established winery in the region of Drama. Its main goal is to produce the highest quality wines based on the principle of minimal intervention, wines with character that carry all those elements of each grape variety in combination with the vineyard in which it is cultivated.

Modest in words but expressive in his actions, Nikos Karatzas started out his career at Ktima Pavlidis and, a decade on, has put his signature on emblematic wines such as Thema and Emphasis. His sights are now set on bigger things such as working with vines that are older than he is, participating in efforts to produce authentic wines and, mainly, helping make better wines from native Greek varieties. "My professional philosophy is the same as my guiding principle in life: honesty. Clean wines, with character and harmony, that express the vineyard from which they came. That is my goal."

VITICULTURE

The grapes come from personally selected vineyards from Drama and Macedonia in general, that are cultivated from ambitious winegrowers.



VINIFICATION

Beginning with a careful sorting, grapes are placed in stainless steel tanks, old open top barrels and concrete tanks. After a short cold-soak, a slow fermentation takes place.

Aging takes place in old barrels, concrete and stainless steel tanks. After 9 months on its fine lees, the wine is ready for blending and bottling. No new oak is used in order to preserve the purity of the fruit.



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Region	Drama
Classification	Xinomavro, Limniona, Mavroudi
Vintage	2021
Grapes	50% Xinomavro-30% Limniona-20% Mavroudi
Soil Composition	Divers
Vineyard Training	/
Density/Yield	/
Fermentation	Grapes are sorted carefully and pressed with whole clusters in a vertical press. Fermentation takes place in INOX tanks, open top barrels and concrete tanks.
Alcohol	12.8%
Residual Sugar	2.9 g/l
PH	3.45
TA	5.6 g/l
Free SO2	27 mg/l
Total SO2:	77 mg/l

TASTING NOTES

APLA Red is a special blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Xinomavro. The nose is dominated by aromas of blackcurrant and forest fruit in a botanical background. Rich and balanced mouth feel with Xinomavro giving nerve and freshness that lasts.

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Nice choice to enjoy with red sauce pasta dishes, paella, grilled salmon, or a simple backyard bbq with friends.