



PARANGA 2014

Name: PARANGA 2014 Type: Dry red Category: PGI Macedonia

Origin: Selected contracted vineyards in Northwestern Greece

Varieties: Merlot 50%, Xinomavro 25%, Syrah 25%

Cellaring: No oak ageing - 8 months in stainless steel tank and 1 month

in bottle

Aging potential: 5 years

Character: Light and spicy with refreshing acidity and mild tannins. A simple and

easy-to-drink match to pasta, vegetarian dishes and barbeque delights

Packaging: 750 ml

Vineyard

The grapes are sourced primarily from contract growers of the crus of Agios Panteleimon within the Amyndeon Appellation in Northwestern Greece. Sprawling at an altitude of 600m on poor sandy soil, the vineyards reach yields that rarely exceed 40 hl/he. The area is marked by cold winters and warm summers, but the four surrounding lakes create a unique mild mesoclimate. As a result, we get high fruit concentration and ripeness with exquisitely complex and rich aromas.

Vinification

Grapes are hand-picked and selected on a sorting table prior to crush. For each variety the must is cold soaked at 11-12°C in a reductive environment for 2-5 days depending on the quality of the grapes. Fermentation takes place at 20-22°C, followed by malolactic fermentation in tank. During the first five months of the year, the lees are stirred twice a week (batonnage), in order to achieve a fuller body. After the final blend the wine is bottled, usually in April after the harvest. The winemaker's main objective is to achieve maximum fruit extraction, while preserving a good level of acidity.

Technical analysis

Alcoholic volume: 12.6 %
Total acidity: 5.5 g/lit
Active acidity (pH): 3.49
Residual sugar: 2.4 g/lit

Winemaker notes

A paler color and lighter alcohol are the characteristics of a year with difficult weather conditions. However, thanks to its intense aromas of cherry and raspberry, the rich flavor and the velvety tannins, Paranga 2014 is a wine ready to fulfil its purpose and offer enjoyment.

