

SKOURAS

Domaine Skouras Peplo High Elevation Rosé 2019

Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) Peloponnese
1/3 Agiorgitiko, 1/3 Syrah, 1/3 Mavrofilero

NEW! First time in LCBO Vintages, May 2021

#6 on VinePair's
"The 25 Best Rosé Wines of 2021"

Each variety contributes with 1/3 to the wine. The Syrah ages on its fine lees in stainless steel tanks, the Agiorgitiko in Acacia barrels and the Mavrofilero in egg shaped amphoras with skin contact for 4 months. Peplo, A detail, that gave the name to the wine. The skin of the Mavrofilero is contained in a fabric within the amphora to allow a better control during the extraction process. At the end of its maturation the fabric helps us to make the separation of the young wine from the skins. All vineyards are above 600m of altitude.

Alcohol by Volume: 12.5%

Tasting Notes: Pale, brilliant color, the absolute Coral with red gold hues. Intense and fresh on the nose with aromas of watermelon, strawberry, white flowers, such as violet and rose petals, coupled with lemon citrus, grapefruit and a hint of minerality. On the palate, it has a medium body, nerve and acidity, structure and complexity, coming from acacia and clay. Flavours are consistent with aromas while the finish is long with developing flavours.



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Agiorgitiko, syrah and mavrofilero come together in this high elevation (up to c. 900m) rosé from the Peloponnese, aged in a mix of acacia, stainless and amphora in the never-ending experimentation of George Skouras. The nose is explosive and very floral, a product of the native mavrofilero, almost muscat-like, with attractive juicy peach and fresh apricot with a bit of a skin-fermented white wine, tea-like flavour profile. Indeed the palate has gentle tannic grip alongside a lightly saline twang, drawing additional sips. Really quite lovely wine, ready to enjoy.

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John Szabo



Michael Godel



More than a unique and specialized three-part harmonic blend, of grapes and vessels, all playing respective roles in executing a fine refrain. The agiorgitiko is raised in acacia barrel, the syrah in stainless tank and the mavrofilero in amphora. That's an ambitious lot for Rosé but there is purposed method in this Skouras madness. Creates a complex and if idiosyncratic effect that's a small price to pay for Wowza! First comes the buttery beeswax, then the meaty mineral clarity and finally a parochial funk that captures every part of the imagination. Textural, oozing with local knowledge, eking out every last drop of Peloponnese tisane. There is enough substance and also structure to see this get more curious and interesting over time. What good reason could there be to not want to see where this goes? Drink 2021-2025. Tasted May 2021.



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Michael Vaughan

This new Greek Rosé for S30 scoring a mere 89-points in the Vintages Catalogue is hardly an easy sell. In fact, if it wasn't for the agent who urged me to try it - there would be no review. In any case, I am glad I did because here is a unique Greek Peloponnese Rosé that really is worth trying. It's a blend of 1/3 Agiorgitiko, 1/3 Syrah and 1/3 Mavrofilero and has a very pale bright salmon pink colour. The nose is surprisingly intense and complex with lots of gently floral, rosehip notes and hints of toasty, ripe, plummy-red-cherry. It is dry, harmonious and medium-full bodied on the palate with bright, ripe, rosehip flavours and a lingering, fairly high acid, gently complex finish. It has 12.5% alcohol, 2 g/L residual sugar and 6.5 g/L total acidity with lot number L200529 on the back label. The Syrah ages on its fine lees in stainless steel tanks, the Agiorgitiko in Acacia barrels and the Mavrofilero in egg-shaped amphoras with skin contact for 4 months. If you are a fan of Whispering Angel, Intense, I suggest that you give this a try!



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POINTS

This is a fine, firm, tensile dry rose from high elevations in the Peloponnese. It combines three varieties - agioritiko, syrah and mavrophilero - each treated in different vessels - acacia wood, stainless steel and amphorae respectively. It has a fairly generous nose of red currant, fresh herbs (basil) and some sappiness. It is savoury and a bit stony to boot. Excellent length.

Tasted May 2021



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