

# Gaia 'Wild Ferment' Assyrtiko 2017

## Tasting Note

Full and viscous Assyrtiko (pronounced Ah-sere-tee-koh) that has been wildly-fermented. Toasty, smoky yellow fruit character on the nose with a full, fresh lemon citrus palate and a tangy finish. Hints of toasted wood and sea salt add structure.

## Food Pairing Suggestions

Seafood tagine, light lamb dishes, oily fish such as salmon, or garlic, thyme and lemon-seasoned poultry.

## Vineyard & Winemaking

The vineyard, located in Santorini, can trace its historical roots some 3,000 years. The low-yielding vines are self rooted and grow in soils poor in organic matter. Due to high sand content, the vineyard has never been affected by phylloxera. The soils are volcanic: porous with high mineral content. There are long sunshine hours and a lack of rainfall with sea mists and strong summer winds contributing to Santorini's unique micro-climate.

Grapes are handpicked, destemmed, crushed and cold-soaked for 12 hours with skin contact at 10°C. The free run juice is then fermented naturally. 50% of the must was fermented in stainless steel tanks, 35% in oak (18% French, 17% American) and 15% in acacia casks. Temperature rises naturally without further intervention. Each portion is then tasted and carefully selected according to quality. The final single variety is a blend of all the layered elements.

## Producer Profile: Gaia Winery

One of the pioneers of the modern Greek wine revolution Gaia Estate was established in 1994 by Greek winemakers Leon Karatsalos and Yiannis Paraskevopoulos. Operating two different wineries they make cutting edge wines in both Nemea and Santorini. Gaia's main aim is to present the potential of the indigenous Greek grape varieties to wine enthusiasts worldwide.



### AT A GLANCE

Winemaker:	Leon Karatsalos and Yiannis Paraskevopoulos
Region:	Aegean Islands, Santorini PDO, Greece
Blend:	100% Assyrtiko
ABV:	13.5%
Style:	Very Dry
Body:	Full Bodied
Residual Sugar:	2.1g/l
SKU:	GR020317
Format:	6x75cl

**Vegan Friendly**

Wine contains sulphites