

Vintage Report 2017



A long winter

While autumn gave us a number of warm days after we completed the 2016 harvest, the winter of 2016-2017 was less pleasant. Not only did we have colder than average temperatures, winter ran long with the low temperatures continuing through the end of March. Otherwise winter was uneventful but with plentiful rainfall, giving us close to the 300 mm annual average.

After several good days of rain, budding occurred from March 10 through 18. A few additional rainy days in April, May, and the beginning of June coupled with generally cool temperatures helped continued shoot and grape development. Flowering occurred April 28 to May 2 and fruit set followed May 8 through 12.

A challenging summer

Summer presented difficult growing conditions. High temperatures for a week between June 27 and July 2, damage from downy mildew, and late rainfalls in June resulted in a loss of grapes which, in some parts of the island and for some plots, reached 80%. The average loss for the island was 25%.

Like a phoenix

We began our harvest at the beginning of August with Mavrotragano on August 3. Assyrtiko harvest followed a few days later on August 12 in our Vourvoulos and Monolithos plots. Nearly two weeks later we harvested the Aidani, closing the year on August 25.

Despite the heat and grape loss, we expect a fantastic vintage from our grapes. After sorting out the damaged grapes, we pressed the grapes in whole clusters to maintain freshness in the juice we collected. After fermentation, lees ageing and battonage helped add to the wines' body and richness. In the end, our wines achieved medium to high acidity with pH levels ranging from 3 to 3,46, acidity going from 5 to 7, and alcohol from 13,7% to 15%. This, combined with intense aromatics from each grape make us feel confident in the high quality of the 2021 wines and their great ageing potential.

2017 Relative Data

Av. Temperature	Av. Rainfall	Harvest Dates	Total Harvest	+/- 2016 Harvest Amt
19,2 C	300mm	Aug 3 - Aug 25	76.500kg	+19,53%