## Vintage Report 2020



## An idyllic season

After completing the difficult 2019, we were happy for a warm autumn and easy winter. While there were a few cold days in January and February, winter was generally mild with moderate rainfall that helped the soil hydrate. We received a total of 320 mm of rain from November 2019 to April 2020 which was a really satisfying amount. That level of rain put the vines in good and not stressed conditions as the growing season began.

A mild winter slid into an equally moderate spring with bud burst beginning in mid March. The normally strong *meltemia* winds of April did not make a major appearance this year so vines and blooms remained unharmed by their usual intensity. While spring remained fair, temperatures increased in May giving the setting fruit a growth spurt going into summer.

Summer gave us plenty of sunshine without any major heat spikes or surprise rainstorms. The overall moderate conditions allowed grapes the ability to ripen steadily leading to evenly matured grapes unaffected by disease, drought, or sunburn. However, high humidity in the early days of August swelled the grapes making them heavier than usual and created a slight delay in harvest.

## A comeback year

We began harvesting the second week of August with the earlier ripening varieties Athiri and Mavrotragano before continuing on with Assyrtiko. The month and harvest ended with picking the always later-ripening Aidani. After the island-wide low yields from 2019, we were happy to have harvested a normal level of grapes this year.

Our 2020 wines are poised to set themselves apart from previous vintages with a different character. Our Assyrtikos are displaying aromas of white flowers with lemon and grapefruit citrus, but also a riper depth of peach and pear. The wines are vivid with refreshing acidity, varietal minerality, intense body, and a long finish. Their great ageing potential will have them drinking well for several years to come.

## 2020 Relative Data

| Average     | Average  | Harvest           | Total     | +/- 2019    |
|-------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Temperature | Rainfall | Dates             | Harvest   | Harvest Amt |
| 19 C        | 320 mm   | August<br>11 - 29 | 94.000 kg | +60,68%     |