

DOMAINE SIGALAS

Mavrotragano



HISTORY -

Founded in 1991, Sigalas wines were initially made at the converted Sigalas family home. In 1998 a new vinification, bottling and aging unit was built in a privately owned area of Oia, on the northern part of Santorini. Here the Santorini Assyrtiko as well as the Aidani, Athiri, Mandilaria and Mavrotragano varieties thrive. The vineyards for these varieties are considered the oldest continuously cultivated vineyards in the world, over 3000 years. The volcanic soils and climate of the viticulture area are the most unique and this "terrior" cannot be replicated anywhere else in the world.

ECOSYSTEM -

The soil of Santorini is unique; the whole island is a super volcano and has been covered with volcanic material since the last eruption in 1620 B.C. These vines are classified as old vines, over 50 years in age. The wine producing lineage of the island makes it part of the global historic legacy of grape cultivation. Mavrotragano is an indigenous grape variety of Santorini. Domaine Sigalas believes in the high quality of this variety.

VINIFICATION -

Grapes are hand-picked, harvested ripe, then sorted and destemmed. A second sorting to remove any impurities then the grapes are transferred unbroken into 225L, 300L and 500L French Oak barrels, 20% new, for fermentation. Post fermentation the wine is racked then put back into barrel.

AGEING -

The wine remains in 225L & 300L French Oak for 18 months then bottled.

TASTING NOTES -

Deep ruby color. The nose is complex with ripe red fruits, marmalades, figs, and sweet spices and Full-bodied with flavors similar to those of the nose. Minerality is evident, tannins and acidity in balance. Long lasting and persistent aftertaste.

COMPOSITION - 100% Mavrotragano

ALTITUDE - 0 - 984 ft

REGION - Santorini, Cyclades

IRRIGATION - Dry Farmed

CLASSIFICATION - PGI Cyclades

ALCOHOL % - 15%

AGE OF VINES - 20-60+ years

PH - 3.69

VINE TRAINING - 'Kouloura' Basket Shaped Vines Low on the Ground

TOTAL ACIDITY - 5.30 grams/liter

SOIL PROFILE - Volcanic ash, pumice, rocks composed of magnesium, ferrous Iron, & lava deposits