



# SKOURAS

## Nemea Grande Cuvee

### HISTORY -

George Skouras was born in Argos, one of the most ancient towns in Europe with more than 3,000 years of wine making culture and tradition. In 1980, George studied Agriculture at the University of Dijon, in Burgundy, France. Upon graduating from Dijon with a degree in oenology, George started gathering experience in many classic wine-producing regions of France and Greece. A long-held vision, the creation of Domaine Skouras was materialized in 1986. Initially, the small wine-making facility was in Pyrgela, a small village on the outskirts of Argos. The next logical step was the creation of a boutique winery in Nemea PDO, at the village of Gimno.

### ECOSYSTEM -

Single vineyard Agiorghitiko, planted on iron rich soil at high altitude of 3,412 ft above sea level. This is the highest planted vineyard for this variety and one of the highest red wine vineyards in all of Europe.

### VINIFICATION -

Fermentation and extraction in stainless steel vats at 23°C. Post-fermentation extraction at 20°C. Total extraction time 14 days. Full malolactic fermentation in barriques.

### AGEING -

Maturation in new French barriques for 12 months, 4 months of which in the presence of light lees. The wine is matured in bottle for another 6 months in our cellar.

### TASTING NOTES -

The color is bright, clean, deep ruby color. On the nose it has depth, strength, and density. The aromatic character is focused on red fruits – sour cherries, blueberries, red cherries – along with spice, aromatic herbs, and a touch of minerality. On the palate it is medium to full bodied with interesting acidity and very high-quality tannins, while aromas of red fruits, earth, and metal together with tobacco and spices dominate. The aftertaste is long, complex with constant evolution.

**COMPOSITION -** 100% Agiorghitiko

**ALTITUDE -** 3,412 ft

**REGION -** Peloponnese - Nemea

**IRRIGATION -** Dry Farmed

**CLASSIFICATION -** PDO Nemea

**ALCOHOL % -** 14%

**AGE OF VINES -** 25 years +/-

**PH -** 3.36

**VINE TRAINING -** Double Cordon Royat

**TOTAL ACIDITY -** 6.50 grams/liter

**SOIL PROFILE -** Iron Rich Soils