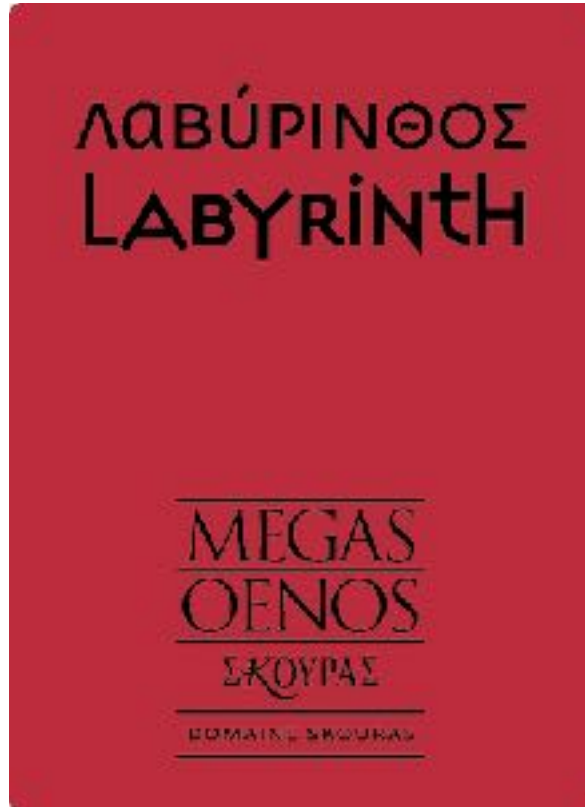


Domaine Skouras

Labyrinth 9914



95 points



This NV Megas Oenos Labyrinth 9914 is Skouras's solera of the Megas Oenos ranging from 1999 to 2014 (hence the "9914" in the name). It is a 75/25 blend of Agiorgitiko and Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 18 months in French oak and 12 months in foudre. It comes in at 13.8% alcohol. I'm always amazed at how different this blend seems from recent Megas Oenos bottlings. As this solera gets a bit younger, the differences are less, but it's still pretty different. It doesn't seem much like this issue's 2015 Megas Oenos at all. This is, of course, far more complex and mature. But it still is fresh, lively—and a bit tarter. The structure is exceptional and the texture leans to silk. It seems fairly youthful and able to support the strawberry-tinged fruit for a long time. The tannins are moderate at this point, though, so it is easy to drink while still seeming vibrant. Then, the juicy finish laces the tasty fruit into the palate.