

Santo Wines Assyrtiko Grande Reserve 2016



92 points



The 2016 Santorini Grande Reserve is an Assyrtiko aged for 12 months in used medium-toast French barriques. It comes with four grams of sugar (right at the typical "fully dry" line), 6.7 grams of total acidity and 14.4% alcohol. Sourced from Akrotiri, "where the oldest vines of Assyrtiko can be found," says the winery, the vine age here is approximately 100 years. This has become an interesting but very different bottling for the winery. This will not leave you unfulfilled, assuming you're amenable to oak. Full bodied, lush and tinged with sweet wood on the finish, this has respectable concentration and admirable structure. It is not really intense, though. It's not particularly tightly wound or focused. It also seems relatively harmonious today—of course, it's a 2016 that already has just a little extra age on it.