



## Domaine Skouras Merlot

**"A Most Popular Wine Brand in Wine & Spirit's 24th Annual Restaurant Poll"**



Domaine Skouras was established in 1986 by Dijon-trained winemaker George Skouras in Pyrgela, Argos, a quaint village nestled in the Nemea region of the Peloponnese. Skouras began working with both indigenous and international wine varieties and started producing very high-quality Greek wines in the late 1980s. The first bottling of his flagship wine, Megas Oenos, launched in 1988 and was the first wine in Greece to blend Aghiroghitiko with Cabernet Sauvignon. At over 3,400 feet, Skouras also boasts one of the highest red wine vineyards in Europe.

Domaine Skouras currently sources grapes from its own vineyards along with dedicated grape growers in the region and is at the forefront of Greek estates. Demand for these terroir-driven and estate-bottled wines is strong in both Greece and around the world.

Varietal Composition:	100% Merlot
Classification:	PGI Peloponnese
Vineyard Location:	Mountainous Korinthia (1,150 ft altitude)
Age of Vines:	25 years
Vinification:	Fermentation and extraction in stainless steel vats at 23°C, total extraction time 14 days. Full malolactic fermentation in barriques, maturation in French barriques (20% new and 80% second use) for 12 months, maturation in bottles for 8 months.
Alcohol:	14%
Total Acidity:	6.0 gr/lit.
pH:	3.4
Winemaker Notes:	The color is deep purple with ruby hues. On the nose, it is concentrated, very complex, and multi-dimensional. It reveals aromas of black cherry, ripe plum, sweet vanilla and hints of violet and smoke. On the mouth it is smooth, velvety, full bodied with very ripe tannins. The deep black fruit fills the palate and flavors of spices and smoke follow. The aftertaste is rich, long, and complex.
Quantities Produced:	4,000 cases