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Best Wines of the

Top 100 Wines of 2013

Greece Amyndeon



Angelos Iatridis

Founded: 1997

Winemaker/co-owner:

Angelos Iatridis

Viticulturist/co-owner:

Makis Mavridis

Acres owned: 185

Annual production: 35,000 cases

Estate grown: 100%

Known for: Richly styled reds and leesy, luxurious sauvignon blanc from Greece's cool northern climes.

Importer: Diamond Importers, Chicago, IL

Website: alpha-estate.com

Alpha Estate

STANDING IN THE MIDST OF ALPHA ESTATE'S vineyards, you could imagine for a second that you are in Mendoza. The vines spread out on all sides, the land bending only slightly here and there; in the distance, snow-capped mountains rise into the sky, framed by clouds. The mountains effectively block the weather from the northwest, so the sun is almost always shining on this side. In fact, you're standing on a plateau at about 2,200 feet in altitude in far northern Greece, only about 22 miles from the border with the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia. People have been growing grapes for wine here for centuries, but it wasn't until Angelos Iatridis and Makis Mavridis began building their winery that Amyndeon even entered the Greek wine geek's vocabulary.



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