

Koukos 2022 "Kalogria" Assyrtiko (Patras) ORGANIC

WineWise Code	HKO-KAL22
Country	Greece
Region	Peloponnese
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Varieties	100% Assyrtiko
ABV	12.5
Residual Sugar	<1
Acidity	5.65
Closure	DIAM
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Pumpover/Punchdown	No
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	23 days
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	None
Yeast	Native
Lees Contact/Stirring	No
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 50 ppm
Soil Type	Gravel
Elevation (meters)	50
Vineyard Aspect	East
Vine Age	12
Yields (hl/ha)	80
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	350

Notes from the producer:

Koukos Winery was founded in the late 90's, when the two brothers, Panagiotis and Konstantinos Koukos, decided to take over the family land. They created a sustainable, family-run business, on the borders of the Strofilia ecosystem, where they cultivate both local and international grape varieties. Their philosophy is based on organic farming principles and the use of mild cultivation methods and low intervention throughout the whole process of vinification.



WineWise Notes:

The magic that Filipa wreaks on the recalcitrant Baga has to be tasted to be believed. Inspired by burgundy, she tames the beast and offers us a wine of breathtaking perfume and improbably silky texture. A wonderful juxtaposition to the more rugged style of her friend Mário Sérgio at Quinta das Bageiras. This was made in amphora, whose transpirational qualities are of huge benefit to the grapes. Just 11.5% alcohol! In 2022, the wine achieves familiar heights of plushness and expression, without sacrificing its preternatural elegance.

We have been following this jewel of an estate for a few years now and are delighted to bring its exceptional wines to the broader market. The brothers Panagiotis and Konstantinos Koukos established it in the late 1990's close to the Strofilia natural park. What is most surprising about the story is that the vineyards lie on flat land, surrounded by fields devoted to the cultivation of fruits, olives and pasture, with nary another vineyard in sight. How remarkable, then, that the wines they make brim with such powerful minerality and sense of place. Clearly, they had done their research and understood the improbable potential of this land. With Konstantinos' son Antonis now by their side, the wines go from strength to strength. The viticulture is rigorously organic, and the array of wines, made almost exclusively from indigenous varieties, is uniformly excellent.

