

# Greek dry whites 2008: results

Adventurous wine lovers will be rewarded by Greek whites, say our panel, who found several minerally, characterful wines. **AMY WISLOCKI** reports

## We've been hearing good things about Greek whites for a while. So why aren't they more high profile?

In a nutshell, it's fear of the unknown. 'Restaurants love Greek wines, and are happy to take them on if there is a sommelier to hand sell them,' said Alex Tilling. 'But people are scared to order them because the grapes are unfamiliar and they can't pronounce the names.'

It doesn't help that the labelling is such a disaster, said Nico Manassis: 'Greek labelling really is in dire straits – it must be simplified. Producers want to put everything they can on the front, including their grandmother's favourite recipe. Put what you want on the back label, but simplify the front.'

## So what did you find here that may help make the wines more accessible?

The main strategy seems to be to blend indigenous and international grape varieties. 'Blends help open doors,' said Manassis. 'Producers are using the international grapes strategically, as a passport to sales. Luckily, some of the blends work very well. Assyrtiko can be mixed with everything, for instance.'

'International grapes such as Sauvignon Blanc definitely help, because they are something wine lovers can latch on to,' said Tilling. 'It puts them in their comfort zone, and helps provide a good introduction to the wines.'

It's even worth trying the straight Sauvignon Blancs, especially those from Drama in Macedonia, 'the unofficial capital' for the grape in Greece, according to Manassis. 'This expression of Sauvignon was completely different,' Tilling explained. 'They had a richer mouthfeel, and elderflower notes, with a tropical weight and Viognier-like viscosity.'

## And what about the indigenous grapes? Do they reward the adventurous?

Absolutely, said the panel. 'This was the most interesting tasting I've done at *Decanter*,' enthused Margaret Rand. 'It wasn't uniformly good, but it was fascinating. The wines demand attention.'

It was Santorini, with its star grape Assyrtiko that won the lion's share of the

## THE SCORES:

86 WINES TASTED	
★★★★★ Decanter Award	4
Outstanding (18.5–20pts)	
★★★★ Highly recommended	14
Very good to excellent (16.5–18.49pts)	
★★★ Recommended	53
Good (14.5–16.49pts)	
★★	15
Fair (12.5–14.49pts)	
★	0
Poor (10.5–12.49pts)	
Faulty	0

praise. Until then, said Rand, 'it was all a bit of a mixed bag, with grape varieties all over the place. Once we hit the wines from Santorini, it was fantastic – there was minerality, structure, texture, everything.'

'Assyrtiko is the most striking white grape that Greece has,' agreed Manassis. 'It has huge structure and huge minerality, especially on Santorini, where the volcanic topsoils give it a smoky character. But it's an adaptable grape, and some great versions are made on the mainland also. There are even some exciting Assyrtikos being made with oak influence.'

'I really enjoyed the purity and intensity of the Santorini whites,' added Tilling. 'There were some with a floral edge and a fantastic zippiness. The Assyrtikos were all impressive; in the best examples you get that lovely baked lemon intensity balanced with minerality and natural acidity.'

## BEST VALUE

CO-OPS OF SAMOS,  
PSILES KORFES, SAMOS,  
AEGEAN ISLANDS (17.4)

★★★★★  
£8.45

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(MM) Stockist: EcW



## So it's all about Assyrtiko from Santorini?

That was undoubtedly the highlight, but such a narrow focus would mean missing out on some other truly exciting wines. The Peloponnese also put on a good show, for example. The tasters were positive about many of the native grape varieties, and the term 'minerality' as a descriptor came up frequently.

Malagousia is another grape to try. 'It's all the rage in Greece,' said Manassis; 'the Greek's answer to Viognier. It's more mineral and less oily and musky than Viognier, but has florality and blends with almost anything. Because it has low to medium acidity, it is often blended with Chardonnay. It's very fashionable – and can only get better, with the introduction of new clones with smaller berries.'

Moschofilero, for Rand, was 'utterly delicious.' 'It's a terrific sipping wine,' said Manassis. 'It's very grapey and has high acid, which gives the wine a pink tinge. The US in particular loves it.'

## Given the common thread of minerality here, one would assume that oaked wines are a no-no

There are a handful of oak-influenced Assyrtikos that have enjoyed export success, but generally the use of oak isn't wildly successful. 'Oak needs to be better managed in Greece – it's overly done and all a bit clumsy at the moment. There's just no need for new oak on these wines,' said Manassis, frustration evident in his voice.

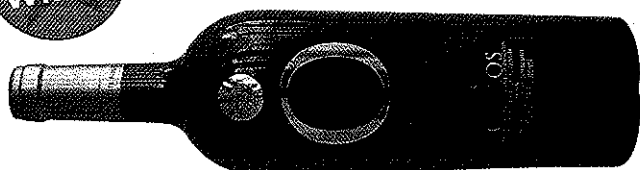
Rand had another criticism. 'I was worried about how fast some of the wines were ageing. About a quarter of the wines were toffee-like and fading. I would say drink these wines now, if not before.'

## So what's the upshot?

In a sea of bland, me-too whites, these unfamiliar, mineral wines can offer genuine excitement. But you need to seek them out – they are never going to catch on in a big way, since most producers are family-owned smallholdings, and hand-harvesting is the norm so production costs are quite high. 'These are niche wines, not supermarket wines,' said Manassis. 'But there is real, unearthed potential in Greece. It's an exciting time.'

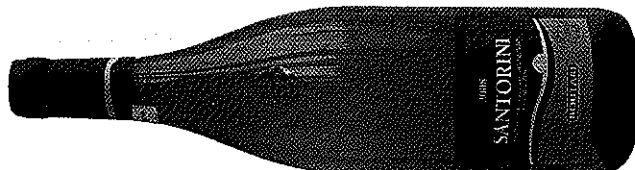
5 STAR WINES

DECANTER AWARD WINNERS ★★★★★



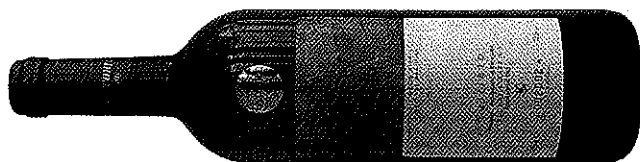
**BIBLIA CHORA, OVILOS, PANGEON**  
£17.50

'Complex, oaky, rich butterscotch nose. Elegant entry, complex yet restrained, fresh yellow peach with a touch of white pepper and green leaves. Has a floral aspect that develops well. Balanced, with lovely acidity on the finish. From 2009.' (AT) **Stockist: Nov**



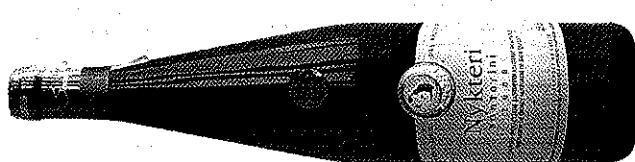
**BOUTARI, SANTORINI, AEGEAN ISLANDS**  
£9.95–£11.70

'Lemon and mineral smokiness on the nose and palate. This is a richly flavoured and expansive wine. From 2009.' (NM) **Stockists: ABS, laW, Pip**



**MERCOURI ESTATE, KALLISTO, REGIONAL WINE OF ILIAS, PELOPONNESOS**  
N/A UK

'Nose of minty herbs, mango and lots of minerality. Creamy mango, zesty mid-palate lift, lots of character, great elegance, restrained power and a minty finish. From 2009.' (AT) [www.mercouri.gr](http://www.mercouri.gr)



**SANTO WINES, NYKTERI, SANTORINI, AEGEAN ISLANDS**  
N/A UK

'Firm, tight, mineral, very, very good; complex. Very good, long, firm, persistent finish, very mineral, terroir driven, pure, focused, very long, elegant. From 2009.' (MR) [www.santowines.gr](http://www.santowines.gr)

4 STAR WINES

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ★★★



**GAIA WINES, THALASSITIS, SANTORINI, AEGEAN ISLANDS**  
(17.8pts/20)  
£13.55

'Lovely, focused aromatic fruit and complexity. Very rich and complex palate with minerality and fruit. From 2009.' (DP) **Stockist: Nov**



**CO-OPS OF SAMOS, PSILES KORFES, SAMOS, AEGEAN ISLANDS** (17.4)  
£8.45

'Delicate, elegant nose. Off-dry with good muscat florals and a fresh, clean finish. Tangy. From 2009.' (MM) **EcW**



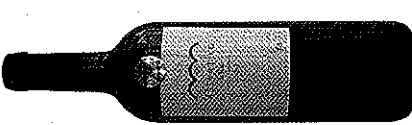
**BOUTARI, MOSCHOFILERO, MANTINIA, PELOPONNESOS** (17)  
£9.70–£11.90

'Nice depth, structure, silky texture, nutty and crunchy. Subtle and complex – lovely. From 2009.' (MR) **ABS, laW, Pip**



**DOMAINE GEROVASSILIOU, VIOGNIER, EPANOMI, MACEDONIA** (17)  
£16.50

'Honey, apricot and lemon nose. Structured wine with a concentrated core of fruit. Seamless cask toastiness and a lavender finish. From 2009.' (NM) **Vkb**



**GAIA WINES, WILD FERMENT ASSYRTIKO, SANTORINI, AEGEAN ISLANDS** (17)  
£14

'A pungent nose of hot rocks, heat and salt. Big, ripe fruit of apples and grapes. Fresh and lively with a long finish. From 2009.' (MM) **Nov**



**DOMAINE SIGALAS, ASSYRTIKO, SANTORINI, AEGEAN ISLANDS**  
(16.8)  
£9.70 (2007)

'Clean, focused, structured. Very good and intense with good weight. From 2009.' (MR) **BBR**

4 STAR WINES

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (cont'd...) ★★☆☆



**ANTONOPOULOS VINEYARDS, MALAGOUSIA, ACHAIA, PATRAS, PELOPONNESOS (16.66/20)**

N/A UK 🍷

'Fresh basil and flöral nose. Greengages on the palate. Nervy with real lift and a tangy extract. From 2009.' (NM)

[www.antonopoulos-vineyards.com](http://www.antonopoulos-vineyards.com)



**BOUTARI, ILIDA, ARKADIA, PELOPONNESOS (16.66)**

N/A UK 🍷

'Spicy and floral. The Gewurztraminer shows through in this accomplished, subtle blend. Focused, with high acidity, this is lingering, elegant and mineral.

From 2009.' (MR) [www.boutari.gr](http://www.boutari.gr)



**DOMAINE TSELEPOS, MANTINIA, PELOPONNESOS (16.66)**

N/A UK 🍷

'Full-throttle grapey freshness and smoke on the nose. Intensely fruity with a clean lemon and lime finish. From 2009.' (NM)

[www.tselepos.gr](http://www.tselepos.gr)



**GREEK WINE CELLARS, D KOURTAKIS, MOSCHOFILERO, MANTINIA, PELOPONNESOS (16.66)**

N/A UK 🍷

'Layered melon, rose, jasmine and orange. Lingering citrus and a creamy, confected edge. From 2009.' (AT) [www.kourtakis.com](http://www.kourtakis.com)



**MERCOURI ESTATE, FOLOI, ILIAS, PELOPONNESOS (16.66)**

£11.30 🍷

'Soft, with good acidity. Subtle, with very nice balance, this is an unusual wine with a classy, long finish. From 2009.' (MR) **Vkb**

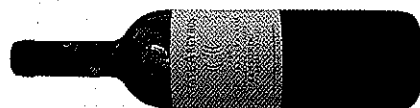


**SEMELI, NASSAKOS, MANTINIA, PELOPONNESOS (16.66)**

£11.49 🍷

'Grapey nose with notes of tangerine. Bright, fruity, muscat flavour with a lemon-lime mineral aftertaste.

From 2009.' (NM) **SWL**



**ARGYROS ESTATE, OAK-FERMENTED, SANTORINI, AEGEAN ISLANDS (16.6)**

N/A UK 🍷

'Great fruit character; very aromatic and intense on both the nose and the palate.

From 2009.' (DP) [www.argyrosestate.gr](http://www.argyrosestate.gr)

**'I really enjoyed the purity and intensity of the Santorini wines. The Assyrtikos were all impressive'**

Alex Tilling



**SKOULODIS ESTATE, MALAGOUSIA, EVIA, CENTRAL GREECE (16.5)**

N/A UK 🍷

'Very pretty rose petal and camomile nose. Freshly textured. A perfect summer-sipping wine. From 2009.' (NM)

[www.agroktima.gr](http://www.agroktima.gr)

**RECOMMENDED ★★☆☆**

Wine name	Price	Tasting note	Drinkability	Stockist	Mean score
Santo Wines, Assyrtiko, Santorini, Aegean Islands	N/A UK	'Intense, ashy, mineral nose. Lemon palate with smoky minerals. Sundrenched wild herb finish, lifted acidity. Long. From 2009.' (AT)	🍷	<a href="http://www.santowines.gr">www.santowines.gr</a>	16.4/20
Nico Lazaridi, Lion D'Or Chardonnay, Pangeon	N/A UK	'Sappy, shy, closed nose. Tight and balanced on the palate with a linear finish and a saline aftertaste. From 2010.' (NM)	🍷	<a href="http://www.nicolazaridi.gr">www.nicolazaridi.gr</a>	16.33
Pavlidis, Thema, Drama, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Good texture. Deep, ripe, round with good pungency and minerality. Long finish. A confident, accomplished wine. From 2009.' (MR)	🍷	<a href="http://www.ktima-pavlidis.gr">www.ktima-pavlidis.gr</a>	16.33
Wine Art Estate, Techni Alipias, Mikrochori, Drama, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Ripe, firm, gooseberry nose. Attractive alternative to Sauvignon Blanc. Very long finish. From 2009.' (NM)	🍷	<a href="http://www.wineart.gr">www.wineart.gr</a>	16.33
Argyros Estate, Assyrtiko, Santorini, Aegean Islands	N/A UK	'Very herbaceous on entry, developing a lovely, mouthwatering lemon sherbet flavour with a subtle, mineral edge. From 2009.' (AT)	🍷	<a href="http://www.argyrosestate.gr">www.argyrosestate.gr</a>	16.2
Avantis Estate, 'M' Malagousia, Evia, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Very perfumed and fresh. Nice fruit flavours with great mouthfeel. Aromatic and delicate. From 2009.' (DP)	🍷	<a href="http://www.avantiswines.gr">www.avantiswines.gr</a>	16.2
Boutari, Selladia, Santorini, Aegean Islands	£17.50	'Mineral, clear and clean with a blade-like structure. A ripe, balanced and pure wine. From 2009.' (MR)	🍷	ABS	16.2
Domaine Evharis, Dry White, Gerania, Attica, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Indigenous varieties prevent the Chardonnay getting too fat. Good complexity, with a fruity, dry finish. From 2009.' (DP)	🍷	<a href="http://www.evharis.gr">www.evharis.gr</a>	16.2

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Alpha Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Amyndeon, Florina, Macedonia	£16	'Lovely minerality with ripe fruit and melon and gooseberry. Sauvignon Blanc with substance. From 2009.' (NM)		Nov, Vkb	16/20
Boutari, Malagouziai, Pallini, Attica, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Powerful nose with aromas of nuts and dried apricots. Lively flavours of dried fruit, good tang and nice length. From 2009.' (MM)		www.boutari.gr	16
Katogi Averoff, Traminer, Metsovo, Epirus	N/A UK	'Aromas of stones and apricots. This wine has more gravitas than one would expect from the grape. From 2009.' (NM)		www.katogistrofilia.gr	16
Kir-Yianni, Tesseris Limnes, Amyndeon, Macedonia	POA	'A mineral nose. Powerful and pungent with good balance, perfume and structure. And it's not at all cloying. From 2009.' (MR)		Vkb	16
Semeli, Mountain Sun White - Orinos Helios, Peloponnesos	£6.49	'Lemons and fresh wild herbs with plenty of minerality and acidity. Brash and masculine and the intense finish lingers. From 2009.' (AT)		SWL	16
Skouras, Moscofilero, Peloponnesos	£8.99	'Stone fruit aromas. Terrific, fresh grape flavours with lemon sherbert. A palate reviver! From 2009.' (NM)		EcW	16
Michalakis Estate, Plyto, Heraklion, Crete, Aegean Islands	N/A UK	'Creamy and mineral on the nose. Lemon sherbert palate. A stand-out wine. From 2009.' (NM)		www.michalakis.gr	15.8
Domaine Gerovassiliou, Malagousia, Thessaloniki, Macedonia	£14.99 (2007)	'Fruity depth with limes and stones on the nose. A very Viognier-like wine with added mineral dimension. Very good. From 2009.' (NM)		ReL	15.66
Katrisiosis, Thivaiki Gle, Thiva, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Light-bodied with lots of citrus, jasmine and hints of mint. Rounded and balanced with penetrating minerality. From 2009.' (AT)		www.thivaikigi.gr	15.66
Kir-Yianni, Samaropetra, Amyndeon, Macedonia	£10	'Good, mineral fruit and perfume. Exotic, classy. A sleek, balanced, confident wine with depth and complexity. Serious. From 2009.' (MR)		Vkb	15.66
Pavlidis, Assyrtiko, Drama, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Fresh and pungent with good minerality. Has integrity. Seamless, with good acidity and a long finish. A serious drop. From 2009.' (MR)		www.ktima-pavlidis.gr	15.66
Tsantali, Kanenas, Maronia Vineyards, Maronia, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Soft nose of baked apple. Pleasant, fruity entry. Florality develops. Long, perfumed finish. Feminine, light and summery. From 2009.' (AT)		www.tsantali.gr	15.66
Tsililis, Theopetra Estate, Meteora, Thessalia	N/A UK	'Fair pungency, nice balance. Crisp, rich, some depth with some oak showing. Good. From 2009.' (MR)		www.tsililis.gr	15.66
Wine Co-op of Tirnavos, Muscatel Hamburg, Tirnavos, Thessalia	N/A UK	'Grapefruit and rose petals. Juicy entry, lovely acidity. Subtly integrated aroma lingers delicately on the palate. Attractive. From 2009.' (AT)		www.tirnavoswinery.gr	15.66
Michalakis Estate, White Gold, Heraklion, Crete, Aegean Islands	N/A UK	'Very powerful aromatics and fruit gives way to a dry, citrus finish. Attacking in style. Very fresh and clean. From 2009.' (DP)		www.michalakis.gr	15.6
Domaine Costa Lazaridi, Amethystos Sauvignon Blanc, Drama, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Clean, light, creamy lemon with hints of herbs. Persistent flavour without too much intensity. Summery, aperitif wine. From 2009.' (AT)		www.domaine-lazaridi.gr	15.33
Domaine Katsaros, Chardonnay, Krania, Thessalia	N/A UK	'Hot, toasty wine but the toast is well-knit. It's actually a serious Chardonnay - very subtle and elegant. From 2009.' (MR)		+30 69 44 35 26 18	15.33
Nicolas Repanis, Moschofilero Repanis, Mantinia, Peloponnesos	N/A UK	'Aromatic, grapey and crisp. Unusual, subtle and warm with good structure, grip and length. Elegant and moreish. From 2009.' (MR)		www.repanis.gr	15.33
Oenoforos, Asproolithi, Patras, Peloponnesos	N/A UK	'White pepper and pear drops. Elegant low-alcohol wine. Lip-smacking acidity with a flinty, fruity aftertaste. From 2009.' (NM)		www.oenoforos.gr	15.33
Avantis Estate, Avantis Dryos, Malagousia, Evia, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Warm stones, tarragon and mint. Lovely taste of ripe plums. Dry, long and lingering. Good balance and persistence. From 2009.' (MM)		www.avantiswines.gr	15.2
Boutari, Fantaxometoch, Heraklion, Crete, Aegean Islands	N/A UK	'The Chardonnay comes through on the nose - very aromatic and floral. Good fruit, minerality, weight and precision. From 2009.' (DP)		www.boutari.gr	15.2
Fragou Wines, Neilis, Rafina, Attica, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Ripe, grapey fruit with some mint and gentle spice. Good and mouthfilling, with a warm, long finish. From 2009.' (MM)		www.fragouwines.gr	15.2
Robola Wine Producers Co-op, Cephalonia, Ionian Islands	N/A UK	'Very fresh with crisp acidity. Steely and flinty, though a bit one-dimensional. From 2009.' (DP)		www.robola.gr	15.2
Arvanitidis Winery, Chardonnay, Thessaloniki, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Very attractive floral and honeyed nose. Grapey with white peach and basil freshness. Good length. From 2009.' (NM)		www.arvanitidis-winery.gr	15
Biblia Chora, White, Pangeon	£13.20	'Pungent, fennel aroma. On the palate, grapefruit and exotic fruits on limestone. Extremely fruity - a Greek fruit bomb! From 2009.' (NM)		Nov	15
Domaine Karadimos, Paleokastra, Atalanti, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Steely, fruity and fresh. Lots of acidity and good fruit but a bit one-dimensional. From 2009.' (DP)		www.domaine-karadimos.gr	15
Greek Wine Cellars, D Kourtakis, Kouros, Patras, Peloponnesos	POA	'Sleek, not too much oak, but nutty and good. Alcohol does show on the finish though. From 2009.' (MR)		Adl	15
INO Wines, Moschofilero, Peloponnesos	N/A UK	'Salty mineral tang and savoury nose. Very appealing. Develops orange zest edge, lovely acidity, and more fruit on the finish. From 2009.' (AT)		www.inowines.gr	15
Robola Wine Producers Co-op, Organic, Cephalonia, Ionian Islands	N/A UK	'Classy flint and lemon peel nose. Depth on the palate with real lift and a very long finish. From 2009.' (NM)		www.robola.gr	15
Skouras, Cuvée Prestige, Peloponnesos	£8.50	'Green, perfumed, crisp, ripe. Very nice. Fairly simple but quite unusual. Good, crisp finish. From 2009.' (MR)		EcW, WSo	15
Evampelos GHI, Sauvignon Blanc, Domokos, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Elderflower and lime on the palate with a rich weight and good length. Good food wine with citrus on the finish. From 2009.' (AT)		www.evampelosghi.gr	14.8

**RECOMMENDED ★★★**

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Ktima Mouson, 9, Thiva, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Nice flinty nose. Very spicy on the palate. Fresh, good acidity, decent length. From 2009.' (DP)		www.ktimamouson.gr	14.8/20
Ktima Mouson, Chrysolithos, Thiva, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Very good, quite complex, subtle, light and delicate. Clean, focused, detailed wine with good finesse. From 2009.' (MR)		www.ktimamouson.gr	14.8
Sokos, Savatiano, Attica, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Floral aromas. Textured palate. Lovely, bone-dry and sappy. From 2009.' (NM)		www.sokoswines.gr	14.8
Vassilis Hatziemmanouil, White, Asfendiou, Kos, Aegean Islands	N/A UK	'Very smokey with aromas of apples. Palate very similar to the nose. Big and broad on the finish – quite powerful. From 2009.' (MM)		+30 22 42 06 88 88	14.8
Katogi & Strofilia, Anavissos & Mamoussia, Attica & Peloponnese	N/A UK	'Leesy, yellow fruits, ripe, yellow plums, with quite a soft texture. A touch of alcohol on the finish. From 2009.' (MR)		www.katogi-strofilia.gr	14.66
Papantonis Winery, Metron Ariston, Malandreni, Peloponnesos	£9.95	'Green apple and unripe pears with a hint of minerality. Soft, fruity mouthfeel and a lingering finish. Elegant and subtle. From 2009.' (AT)		Yam	14.66
Tsantali, Metoxi Chromitsa, Mount Athos, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Summer herbs and fennel. Comes through on the palate as mostly Assyrtiko and a bit one-dimensional. From 2009.' (NM)		www.tsantali.gr	14.66
Vaeni Naoussa, Dogmatikos Blanc de Noir, Imathia, Macedonia	N/A UK	'Floral, fresh, delicate nose. The palate is less fresh – more soft, baked apples. Fairly anonymous, but subtle and pretty. From 2009.' (MR)		www.vaeni-naoussa.gr	14.66
Domaine Ehvaris, Assyrtiko Sur Lie, Gerania, Attica, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Clean, fresh, flinty crispness on the nose. Dry, racy acidity. Fruit could do with more depth but still delicious. From 2009.' (DP)		www.evharis.gr	14.6
Emery, Athiri Mountain Slopes, Dodekanese, Rhodes, Aegean Islands	£12.50	'Dry extract, verging on too old, but an interesting wine: old fashioned and with good substance. Serious and characterful. From 2009.' (MR)		Vkb	14.6
Emery, Rhodos Emery, Dodekanese Islands, Rhodes, Aegean Islands	£6.99 (2006)	'Spring blossom, orchards and fresh aromas. Nice balance of fruit with hints of elderflower. Good length. Attractive. From 2009.' (AT)		Vkb	14.6
Greek Wine Cellars, D Kourtakis, Crete, Aegean Islands	POA	'Very flinty and austere aroma. Seeringly dry with acidity and austerity on the finish. From 2009.' (DP)		Adl	14.6
Moraitis, Parios Oenis, Paros, Aegean Islands	£7.99	'Pleasant, soft, white currants and a slightly lactic aroma. Nice balance of fruit and acidity on the palate. Bitter finish. From 2009.' (MM)		EcW	14.6
Sokos, Malagouzia, Central Greece	N/A UK	'Good hints on the nose of aromatic fruit. Very pleasing fruit, fresh, crisp acidity. From 2009.' (DP)		www.sokoswines.gr	14.6

**FAIR ★★**

■ Anastasia Frago, Savatiano, Attica, Central Greece (14.4) ■ Gentilini, Robola, Cephalonia, Ionian Islands (14.4) ■ Creta Olympias, Xerolithia, Peza, Crete, Aegean Islands (14.4) ■ Tzivani, Chardonnay Barrique, Thiva, Central Greece (14.4) ■ Amyntaion Winery Co-op, Petrea GI, Amyndeon, Florina, Macedonia (14.33) ■ Domaine Costa Lazaridi, Chateau Julia Chardonnay, Drama, Macedonia (14.33) ■ Angelos Koutsogiorgakis, Ellopia, Evia,

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■ Domaine Karadimos, Drios Malagouzia, Atalanti, Central Greece (12.6)

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