

## Athenee Importers New Release Announcement



Athenee Importers is proud to announce that A. Thimiopoulos Winery from Naoussa has joined our portfolio. Apostolos Thimiopoulos is a graduate of the University of Athens as an oenologist. He studied under Yiannis Paraskevopoulos, who is both a professor as well as an owner of GAI'A Wines.

Upon matriculation, Apostolos returned to his familial home in the region of Naoussa in Northern Greece. His family has owned vineyards in the area for generations. Prior to Apostolos' involvement in winemaking, the family sold their grapes to other wineries in the area. Since 2003, Apostolos has taken control of the family's vineyards and began producing a new and exciting style of Xinomavro. Traditionally, wines made from Xinomavro have been tannic and aggressive in their youth, needing at least three to five years of age before being ready for release. Apostolos has taken great strides to break that perception and style of Xinomavro with his interpretation, Ghi kai Uranos.

Ghi kai Uranos, Earth & Sky in English, is sold under a simplified name of Uranos for the American market. The wine is a deep purple-black color in its youth with intense complex vibrant fruit and earth aromas and flavors. Its acidity is medium to high, yet is in balance with the tannins. Uranos is a modern style of Xinomavro that can be drunk and fully enjoyed in its youth and has the ability to be cellared as well.

Uranos has already been discovered by a few key wine writers. In the *2008 Wine Guide* by Tom Stevenson, Uranos 2005 is ranked in the top five high quality wines of Greece alongside more established wines, such as GAI'A Estate and Mercouri Cava Red. In the same publication, Mr. Stevenson lists Uranos as one of the top 100 most exciting wines of 2008. Niko Manassis, the author of numerous articles and the book *The Greek Wine Guide*, has also sung Uranos' praises throughout Europe.

Uranos is produced in limited quantities, with only 110 cases of the 2005 vintage allocated for the United States. As the winery grows and evolves, production will increase and additional wines will be released. We are excited and proud to be able to offer you such high quality and a radically new approach to Xinomavro. For additional information and pricing, please contact Andrea Englis at 516-505-4800 or at [andrea@atheneeimporters.com](mailto:andrea@atheneeimporters.com).

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