

GENTILINI ASPRO CLASSIC 2007
DRY WHITE WINE



VARIETIES: Tsaoussi 40% Robola 30% Sauvignon Blanc 30%

Tsaoussi is a large, loose-clustered local variety with aromas of honey and melons. It is rare and unique and grows almost exclusively on Cephalonia.

Robola is an ungrafted, low-yielding variety that thrives on the poor limestone and gravelly soils of the Cephalonian highlands. It is considered one of the finest Greek white varieties, and has characteristic citrus and mineral aromas.

GRAPE ORIGIN: The Tsaoussi grapes are grown in the low-lying, limestone soil around Minies on Cephalonia. The Robola grapes are from the high-altitude VQPRD zone in the center of the island. The Sauvignon Blanc is brought in as grape from the Atalandi region in mainland Greece.

SOIL: High limestone. Good drainage. Typical yields for Robola and Sauvignon Blanc are between 3,500 and 6,000 kg/ha. Tsaoussi yields around 9,000kg/ha. All the varieties grow in areas with microclimates that are best suited for them, thus highlighting all the best characteristics that each grape has to offer.

CLIMATE: The winter in 2006/2007 was mild with relatively low rainfall. There were three heatwaves during ripening affecting acidity levels to some degree, requiring careful selection of grapes at harvest to ensure good balance in the wine.

VINIFICATION: All vinification and bottling is done at the Gentilini winery. Whole bunch pressed. Varieties are fermented separately at low temperatures to complete dryness, kept for 2 weeks on its lees and blended post fermentation. The wine is cold stabilized and filtered once prior to bottling to avoid stripping the wine of delicate aromas..

PRODUCTION: Quantities are limited to just 12,000 bottles per year.

TASTING NOTES: Complex and balanced. Medium bodied. Subtle, floral fruit with citrus, melon and honey notes.

FOOD PAIRING: Grilled fish, cheese, shellfish. Chicken and pork in a white or lemon sauces.

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 13% Alc by Vol
Total Acidity: 5.6g/l tartaric acid
Residual Sugar: 2.0g/l