

GAI'A Estate 2003



Brand Name :	GAIA ESTATE
Appellation:	NEMEA
Vintage :	2003
Region (and Sub region) :	NEMEA (Koutsi)
Grape Variety :	Agiorgitiko
Alcohol Level :	13,7 % vol.
Acidity Level :	5,4 g/lt pH : 3,66
Residual Sugar :	2,0 g/lt
Malic acid :	0,0 g/lt
Polyphenol Index :	69
Volume of Bottle :	750 ml

Description of wine, vineyards, winemaking etc. :

Atop the South-Western slopes of Koutsi, at an altitude of 550 m. we cultivate our Agiorgitiko vines with an eye toward the creation of a red wine of an exceptional personality and a great aging potential. The yield of GAIA ESTATE' s 20 year old vineyard is closely monitoring so that it remains low, never exceeding 50 hl/he.

Prior to wine-making, harvested berries are chilled down to 8°C, in cooling chambers and then destemmed and cold soaked for 2-3 days at 12°C.

During wine-making, we extend the moment of extraction to its limit, giving the absolutely ripe Agiorgitiko grape the chance to express its powerful character at full strength. Afterwards, the new wine will mature for a minimum of 12 to 14 months (16 months for the 2003) in new 225 liter French oak casks from the Nevers and Allier forests. The wine undergoes Malolactic fermentation during its first winter of aging. Ultimately, GAIA ESTATE is bottled directly from the cask without prior treatments such as chilling or filtration. In this way, we preserve the best of all the essential elements of our wine.

Gaia Estate from its release has achieved the following awards:

- Gaia Estate '97, gold medal Concours International du vin, Thessaloniki 1999
- Gaia Estate '98, gold medal Concours International des vins, Zürich 2000
- Gaia Estate '98, gold medal Concours International du vin, Thessaloniki 2001
- Gaia Estate '99, gold medal Concours International des vins, Zürich 2001
- Gaia Estate '00, silver medal Concours International du vin, Thessaloniki 2003
- Gaia Estate '01, gold medal Concours International du vin, Thessaloniki 2004
- Gaia Estate '01, gold medal Mundus Vini International Wine Award 2004
- Gaia Estate '01, International Red Single Varietal Trophy Decanter World Wine Awards, London 2004
- Gaia Estate '02, No wine was produced due to insufficient quality of grapes.

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