



Merlot + Merlot Estate Hatzimichalis 2007

Nestled in the valley of Atalanti, Domaine Hatzimichalis is bordered by mountains to the north, south and west, and the Euboean Gulf to the east, providing a distinct setting for vine growing. The area was known in antiquity as an important wine-making region and is said to be the birthplace of Dionysus. After the estate's vines succumbed to phylloxera, Dimitris Hatzimichalis launched a massive re-planting offensive of both indigenous and international varieties in 1973.

The winery benefits from a range in elevations, microclimates and soils to produce vibrant whites vinified in stainless steel and juicy reds matured in French barriques.

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WINE TYPE:	Dry red
VARIETALS:	100% Merlot
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
REGION:	Atalanti Valley, Central Greece
CLIMATE:	Mediterranean
VINIFICATION:	The grapes from each vineyard are fermented separately in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Ages separately for 8 months in French oak barriques.
TASTING NOTES:	A Merlot with vibrant fruit character. Bright, ripe black cherry, raspberry and plum aromas combined with subtle notes of mocha. Pleasantly soft and juicy with balanced flavors, supple texture and well-rounded tannins.
SERVING SUGGESTIONS:	Serve at 61-64°F. Pair with lasagna, pizza, roast duck or chicken, grilled pork chops and mushroom risotto.