UWC Samos High Peaks 2009

A union of 26 winemaking cooperatives, UWC Samos is the sole winemaker on the mountainous and verdant island of Samos. The union formed in 1934 with the goal of protecting the winemakers' interests by setting quality standards. Production is centralized at two wineries, one in the north of the island-where most of the vineyards lie- and one near the island's namesake town. All wines are made from white Muscat (Muscat blanc à petits grains), producing wines that have lush natural sweetness yet are extremely well balanced; some dry wines are also made.

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WINE TYPE:	Dry white
VARIETALS:	100% White Muscat
ALCOHOL:	12%
REGION:	Malagri, Samos-Greece
ALTITUDE:	2,600 ft
SOIL:	Semi-Mountainous
CLIMATE:	Mediterranean
VINES PER HECTARE:	5,500
AVERAGE AGE OF VINES:	15 years
VINIFICATION:	Pale, with yellow-green hues this wine is crafted from grapes of the most select mountain vineyards of the island that are perched on their stone terraces 2,600 ft above sea level.
TASTING NOTES:	It has a character replete with finesse with the floral and fruity aromas typical of the muscat expressed here in a delicate manner. Elegantly expressed, the palate offers refreshing acidity and satisfactory intensity.
SERVING SUGGESTIONS:	It may be enjoyed on its own, as an aperitif but it can also do justice to a number of discreetly flavored amuse-bouche or first courses as sophisticated in character as the wine itself.
AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:	A full list of awards by vintage can be seen by visiting www.samoswine.gr and choosing "Awards."