

Kamara Estate

Macedonia

The Kioutsoukis family, like so many others in northern Greece, migrated from East Romylia (a region near the Black Sea coast in modern Bulgaria) in the early 1900's, and carried with them the knowledge and the passion for the vineyard and wine.



Dimitrios Kioutsoukis received his degree as a chemical engineer from the Polytechnic School of Thessaloniki and worked for several years in the medical field. The family's inherited wine passion led him to take the UC Davis Oenology Extension program to further his dream of making wine on a professional level. With his family's assistance he planted about 10 hectares of vineyards in the hills of Mygdonia in Northern Greece, near Thessaloniki, where vine cultivation had been abandoned since the early 1900s due to phylloxera.

In the domaine's vineyard Greek grape varieties are mainly planted (Assyrtiko, Malagousia, Roditis, Xinomavro). The low hillside, along with the micro climate (a refreshing northern wind is present all year round), and the different types of soil from clay-sand to lighter parcels with small stones and schists, gives exquisite wines with excellent aging potentials.

From the very beginning, the vineyards are exclusively worked using long-standing traditions: manual pruning, hoeing, harvesting, use of herb sprays (such as nettle, yarrow etc.), natural fertilization with compost and manure, and newly planted vines shaped in basket crowns. The basic rule is doing as few treatments as possible and trying not to subvert the natural equilibrium. Dimitrios uses modern wine-making equipment only to monitor and support (if necessary) the natural chemistry of the wine-making cycle.

From 2015 the winery has completed the conversion to natural wine making. "Nature is the real winemaker, man is her assistant" is the new mantra. The wines are produced following the traditional way, manipulated gently and slowly in order not to shock or spoil the wine's character. The main goal is authentic, vibrant wines in small productions, with the fewest possible interventions that express the terroir and the philosophy of the winemaker. Kamara Estate is one of the newer wineries in Greece, but their approach is of the oldest and most traditional mindset.