

Gaia

Gaia Estate Red from Gaia Wines is a richly expressive Agiorgitiko, delivering a deep, velvety texture and a sophisticated bouquet of red and black fruits, enhanced by subtle hints of spice and floral notes.

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Estate Red 2021

Nemea, Greece

Region and Vineyards

Gaia Estate is located in the **Nemea region** of the Peloponnese Peninsula in Greece. Nemea is renowned for its ideal viticultural conditions, particularly for the Agiorgitiko grape, a fragrant red variety native to this area. The Gaia Estate vineyard spans seven hectares and is situated in Koutsi, at an altitude of **550 meters** above sea level. This elevation contributes to a cooler climate, which is beneficial for the slow maturation of the grapes, allowing for the development of complex flavors.

The vineyard's soils consist of a layer of approximately **75 centimeters of clay over a bed of limestone**, providing excellent drainage and contributing to the unique minerality of the wines. The 40-year-old vines are trained according to the Spur Cordon method, and the yields are kept low at **45 to 48 hectolitres per hectare** to ensure high quality and concentration in the grapes. The grapes are meticulously hand-harvested to preserve their integrity.

Winemaking

The Agiorgitiko grapes for the Gaia Estate Red undergo a meticulous winemaking process to extract the best possible flavors and aromas. The grapes are cold soaked and macerated for approximately **20 days** to achieve the desired levels of color, flavor, and aromatic extraction. Fermentation occurs with selected yeasts in traditional oak fermenters at temperatures between **22 to 28°C**.

The wine undergoes 100% malolactic conversion, followed by **18 to 20 months** of maturation in mostly new French oak casks. This ageing process adds depth and complexity to the wine, imparting subtle oak characteristics without overpowering the fruit. The wine is bottled without fining or filtration to maintain its purity and structure.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Agiorgitiko

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Concentrated notes of **red and black fruits**, with hints of **vanilla, black pepper, and violet**.
- **Palate:** Rich and velvety texture with great depth and complexity. The palate reveals layers of **sweet fruits, robust yet smooth tannins**, and a long, smooth finish.

Did you know?

Gaia Wines is one of the pioneers of the modern Greek wine revolution. Established in 1994 by Greek winemakers Leon Karatsalos and Yiannis Paraskevopoulos, Gaia operates from two wineries in the important wine-growing regions of Nemea and Santorini. Their main aim is to explore the boundaries and present the potential of indigenous Greek grape varieties to wine enthusiasts worldwide .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lamb:** The rich, savory flavors of grilled lamb complement the robust tannins and fruit profile of the wine.
- **Moussaka:** The layers of meat, eggplant, and béchamel sauce are enhanced by the wine's complexity and depth.
- **Mature Cheeses:** The wine's bold flavors and smooth finish pair well with aged cheeses, creating a harmonious balance.
- **Beef Stew:** The hearty, slow-cooked flavors of a beef stew are a perfect match for the wine's rich and layered profile.

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)

In the bottle with the black label, the Gai'a 2020 Nemea Gaia Estate is all Agiorgitiko aged in oak. The bouquet offers very bright fruit with red currants and apple skin. You also get cedar and redwood tones, although they remain nicely integrated. There is a second wave of toasted spice and a hint of sweet cinnamon. The wine is mid-weight with some mild tannic tightness.