



DOMAIN MEGA SPILEO RED, ACHAIA 2010

Cavino S.A., Achaia, Greece

LCBO # 466110 | 13.5 % alc./vol. | \$29.95 | Release: 04-Feb-2017

...shows a lot of finesse, better integration of tannins than some here and fine fruit. The acidity does a great job of lacing the fruit into the palate, but it doesn't go overboard. It's a beautiful wine, constantly expanding and evolving as it sits in the glass...

Score – 93p (Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 2015)

*From one of the great vineyards in the Peloponnese, or all of Europe for that matter, Mega Spileo (Grand Cave) is set within a dramatically oriented steppe of an amphitheatre, in a bowl beneath the shadow of a 940m rock that houses the great Greek Orthodox monastery of Mega Spileo. Nowhere else in the Chelmos mountains does monk viticulture resonate as it does here. Perched above the Vouraikos Canyon at 800m of height, the vineyard sits like a slowly lowered field, dropped down past the granite walls to settle in its place. Winemaker Stelios Tsiris makes this ambitious Greek red, with generous old oak fashion and despite its dried fruit and old, dry tar personality, its spirit is lifted with great Greek acidity. It's rustic, deferential and so interesting to behold. Drink 2017-2020. **Score – 90p (Michael Godel, 2017)***



Terroir:

The single vineyard of Mega Spileo in Kalavrita in Peloponnese was used by Holy Cave Monastery of Mega Spileo for 500 years for its famous wines. Unique terroir conditions, no chemical treatment, limited production. Yield: 4.5t/ha. Altitude 850 meters.

Vinification:

Grapes selected, destemmed, cold soaked and then whole berry fermented. The wine aged for 20 months in French Oak barrels and then 20 months in bottle. To keep all the richness of colour and taste the wine is not processed by intensive filtration or cold.

Variety: Mavrodafne 60%, Mavro Kalavritino 40%.

Residual Sugar: 4 g/L

Serving suggestion and food pairing: Ready for drinking now or keep up to ten years. Decanting for one hour is recommended. Enjoy with grilled red meats and yellow cheeses. **Perfect match for lamb and barbeque fare.**

Robert Parker '15

93p

John Szabo and Michael Godel, Wine Align '17

90p

Natalie MacLean '17

90p

Andreas Larsson, Tasted 100% Blind '16

90p

Best Sommeliers of the World '15 (09vntg)

93p

Mundus Vini '14 (09vntg)

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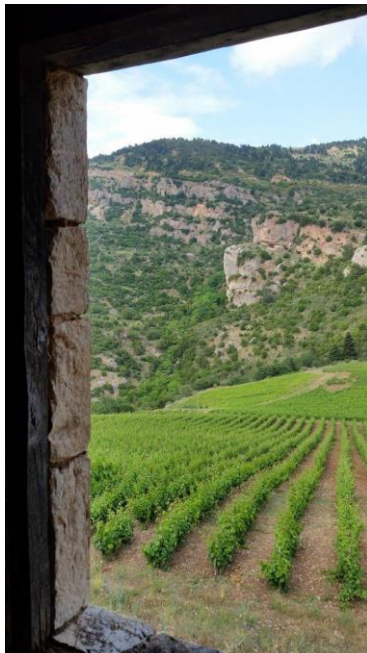


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| <p>Natalie MacLean, February 2017</p> | <p>A juicy red wine from Greece with mouth-watering acidity, black fruit and some smoky notes from oak aging. Made from grapes that grow in vineyards that have produced wines for more than 500 years. Pair with grilled meats. Food pairings: lamb shish kebab, spanokapita, roast veal. Score – 90p. www.nataliemaclean.com</p> |
| <p>John Szabo, January 2017</p> | <p>A blend of locals mavrodaphne (60%) and mavro kalavritino from the northern Peloponnese, this is an intriguingly herbal-spicy red, very old world in style, with lightly baked/raisined/dried black fruit flavours, fine, dusty tannins, and bright, pleasantly tart acids. If you're looking for plush fruit this is not your wine, but if your preferences lean to dusty, firm, spicy and complex, this is worth a look. Be sure to serve with salty protein - roast leg of lamb would be classic. Tasted January 2017. Value Rating: **. Score – 90p. www.winealign.com</p> |
| <p>Michael Godel, January 2017</p> | <p>From one of the great vineyards in the Peloponnese, or all of Europe for that matter, Mega Spileo (Grand Cave) is set within a dramatically oriented steppe of an amphitheatre, in a bowl beneath the shadow of a 940m rock that houses the great Greek Orthodox monastery of Mega Spileo. Nowhere else in the Chelmos mountains does monk viticulture resonate as it does here. Perched above the Vouraikos Canyon at 800m of height, the vineyard sits like a slowly lowered field, dropped down past the granite walls to settle in its place. Winemaker Stelios Tsiris makes this ambitious Greek red, with generous old oak fashion and despite its dried fruit and old, dry tar personality, its spirit is lifted with great Greek acidity. It's rustic, deferential and so interesting to behold. Drink 2017-2020. Tasted January 2017. Score – 90p. www.winealign.com</p> |
| <p>Jason Solanki, January 2017</p> | <p>Blend of 60% Mavrodaphne and 40% Mavro Kalavritino. Tasted from decanter. Lovely floral, purple fruit, lavender, dried fruit and sweet spice aromas of great intensity. The palate is full-bodied with nicely integrated tannins and very appealing aroma replays along with sour cherry flavours. Very good acidity and finishing long. Drink now or age 5-8 years. Tasted May/2016. Score – 90p. vintagewinepicks.blogspot.com - www.winealign.com.</p> |