

Zoinos 2021 "Epilogos" Debina ORGANIC

WineWise Code	HZO-EPI21
Country	Greece
Region	Ioannina
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Organic
Varieties	100% Debina
ABV	12
Residual Sugar	1
Acidity	5.5
Closure	DIAM
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Destemming	Partial
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	50 days
Aging Method	Stainless Steel
Aging Duration (months)	6
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Native
Lees Contact/Stirring	Yes
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes, 65 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Pouria-Dragatsoura
Soil Type	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	550-700
Vineyard Aspect	Northwest
Vine Age	35
Yields (hl/ha)	65
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	13300

Notes from the producer:

EPIRUS – The Apiros Chora (meaning infinite land) as it was once known because of its size and the magnificence of its landscape – present not only a rich history but also a tradition full of wine. At Zoinos Winery this tradition lively remains waiting for the wine lovers to consume the wine of Zitsa. In 2006 the winery separated from the Agricultural Union of Ioannina, creating Zoinos Winery, as we know it today. Since then, the company has made several investments in order to upgrade the winery facilities, established a new branch in the city of Ioannina and participates in viticultural research programs for the identification of the native varieties from Epirus, in cooperation with the Universities of Ioannina, Crete and the Institute of Wine. New vineyards, 130 acres cultivated by Zoinos, planted with the indigenous varieties of Zitsa and at the same time, reviving some of the rarest indigenous varieties from Epirus, by producing wines rooted in an organic logic and representative of their terroirs.



WineWise Notes:

The ancient autochthonous variety Debina has become the most sought-after white wine of Greece after Assyrtiko, so magical are its unique qualities. It finds its home here, in the temperate, wind-swept reaches of Epirus, where it renders a beguilingly honied yet snappish wine, bursting with mineral energy that fills the palate, while weighing in at just 12% alcohol. Wines like this epitomize the miracle of Greece.

Rather like VAENI in Naoussa, Zoinos is a high-quality co-operative winery that enables the myriad growers of Epirus, a fabled district in Greece's northerly Ionian region, to gather their forces and offer to the world the unique joys of their steep, high-altitude calcareous vineyards. In a universe of tiny holdings such as this, it makes great sense for the co-operative principle to hold sway. The exceptional results are there for all to see.

