

# Tetramythos 2021 Roditis Natur (Peloponnese)

WineWise Code	HTE-RON22
Country	Greece
Region	Patras
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Varieties	100% Roditis
ABV	13
Residual Sugar	2.2
Acidity	5.4
Closure	DIAM
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Maceration	Typical white vinification
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	2 months
Aging Method	Stainless Steel
Aging Duration (months)	4
Filtered	No
Fining Agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees Contact/Stirring	lees contact
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 24ppm
Soil Type	Calcareous, Alluvial, Loam
Elevation (meters)	840
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine Age	46
Yields (hl/ha)	52
Vine Training	Bushvines
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	1640

## Notes from the producer:

Another young winery founded in 1999 by the brothers Aristides and Eustatios Stathios Spanos, it offers a splendid range of impeccably made wines from both indigenous and international varieties at improbably low prices. The startling quality is greatly attributable to their stellar wine-maker, Panagiotis Pappagiannopoulos. The mindboggling vineyards rise to elevations of 1000 meters, ensuring that diurnal temperature range that is so often the lodestone of quality in Greece. Enjoying unique limestone soils and making wines only from free-run juice, Tetramythos offers a finesse and purity that are unexpected at this price level. The “Nature” series wines are made according to some biodynamic principles e.g. the whites are harvested, pressed and bottled on flower days, and the reds on fruit days. Panagiotis aims to make all his wines in this style in the coming years. We find the style so compelling that we have essentially adapted our range entirely to it.



## WineWise Notes:

There is a certain beauty in the ineluctable fact that this object lesson in “natural” wine-making (absolutely nothing added to the wine) should derive from Europe’s oldest wine culture. The sheer dimension and clarity of flavour, allied to a luxurious texture, yet all packed into an orderly frame, are breathtakingly good. There is nothing even remotely offbeat about this classy and delicious wine. Roditis is actually a dark-skinned grape which, when left to macerate as an Orange wine, takes on discernible pigmentation. Mercifully, this wine, while “natural” in every regard, has been respectfully permitted to remain “white”. The vineyard was planted in 1971, with many vines ungrafted. (Phylloxera did not arrive here, amazingly, until the 1970’s.)

