

Monemvasia 2021 "300" White

Code	HMW-300W21
Country	Greece
Region	Laconia
Order	87
Producer	Monemvasia
Color	White
Wine	2021 "300" White (Laconia)
Case Size	12x750
Net	Discountable
ABV	13
Acidity	5.8
Residual Sugar	2
Closure	DIAM
Annual Production (Cases)	830 cases
Varieties	60% Kydonitsa, 40% Assyrtiko
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	approx 20 days
Aging Method	Stainless Steel
Aging Duration (months)	5
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact/Stirring	5 months contact/stirring of the lees is stainless steel tanks
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type	Loam, Slate, Schist
Elevation (meters)	300
Vine Age (years)	15
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	25
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

Notes from the producer:

In unity there is strength, inspired by this idea we created a blend of two exceptional varieties of the Laconian terroir. Kydonitsa is a rare local variety that gives the aromatic intensity and Assyrtiko, one of the most noble greek varieties and especially suited for the warm and semi-arid climate of Monemvasia, gives its distinctive spark of minerality and acidity to the blend.



WineWise Notes:

Kydonitsa is as local a grape as can be, as it is essentially unknown outside this corner of the Peloponnese, known as Lakonia. The name translates as “little quince”, which is appropriate to the puckerish, appley tones it offers. Blended with the broader-shouldered Assyrtiko, it makes for a compellingly suave and fine white, which is “Spartan” only in its understated strength, not in its quotient of vinous pleasure, which is considerable.

Founded in 1997 by chemist Yorgos Tsimbidi and his wife Elli, the winery lies a few kilometers from the other-worldly, eponymous Byzantine town of Monemvasia, which legend holds gave rise to the ubiquitous Malvasia grape. Part of their mission was to revive the tradition and fame of sweet Malvasia, which they have done with great success. But they have devoted equal attention to the local varieties Kydonitsa, Asproudi, Mavroudi and Limniona, among others. Now joined by daughters Marialena and Anastasia, their wines go from strength to strength, bringing well-earned acclaim. The labels are original and eye-catching, and some play off the legends of nearby Sparta.