



DOMAINE KECHRIS

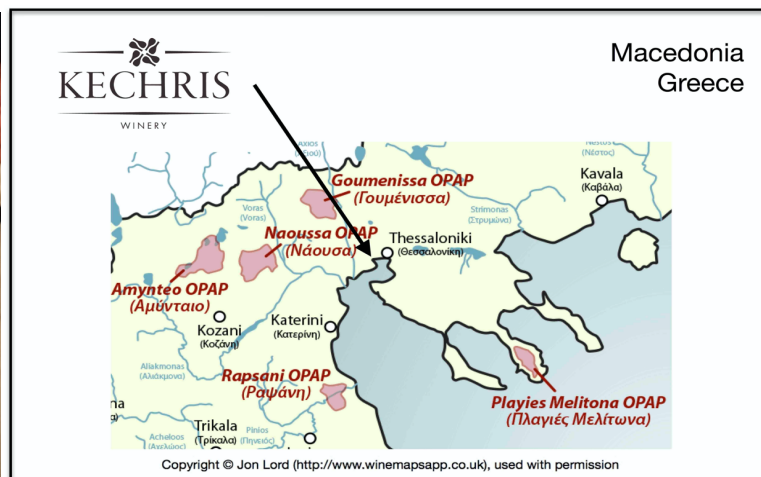
Region..... Macedonia
 Sub-Region..... Goumenissa
 Appellation..... PGI Macedonia
 Website..... www.kechris.gr

Pronunciation..... KEK-reese



SUMMARY

Founded in 1911, family run, a Retsina specialist, innovative



The Kechris family has been making wine near Thessaloniki since 1911 when they were the first to import glass wine bottles to Greece. Today the ladies of the 4th generation have all been trained in France and marry modern techniques and skills to the traditional methods. They have learned that the indigenous grapes need to be handled differently, and it is through the combination of tradition and innovation that they can bring out the best of these grape varieties. Their specialty, and history, is Retsina and they have pushed the boundaries with this style, producing unique wines that are truly groundbreaking and show what a focus on quality can make possible.



The Kechris vineyard are located in northern Macedonia near the town of Goumenissa. The mass of mountains to the northwest shield the vineyards from the powerful westerly winds and allow the warm sea air from the south to bath over the vineyards during the day, while keeping them cool at night. These rolling hills are ideal for vines as the many springs in the area create morning fogs, without the worry of disease, and the alluvial soils are well drained and fertile. The pine resin they use comes only from very high altitude forests on the Athos peninsula, and they control every step of the process. High altitude resin imparts more delicate flavours like rosemary and ginger, rather than just intense pine aromas.



Assyrtiko
 Xinomavro
 Roditis
 Sauvignon Blanc
 Chardonnay
 Merlot



In 1984, Stelios Kechris came back to the family winery from his time studying and working in France and started modernizing the vineyards and winery. This process has continued with his daughters and together they have mastered how to get the most out of their vineyards. As a retsina specialist they have learned that using only modest amounts of the best quality possible resin delivers the subtle enhancements that they are interested in.