“FOIVOS” WINERY – OUR WINES
FOIVOS S.A., is the historic continuity of the winery Mantzavino, which played a leading role, during the past two centuries, in the world of wine, and made known the Greek wine internationally.
In fact, Foivos vineyard is identified with the Homeric vineyard of Cephalonia, because the Cephallenians, from the time of writing the epics of Odyssey and Iliad, knew how to cultivate vines and produce wines, which perfectly matched - according to the descriptions of the epic - with those produced today by Foivos winery, and which we present in detail below:
The sweet white wine (Homeric name: *eristafylos meliidis oinos* – that means: wine sweet as honey, derived from carefully selected grapes), now gives the «Stalactite» and «Horkus doux», both Muscats of Cephalonia, Protected Designation of Origin.
The sweet red wine (Homeric name: *meliideas erythros oinos* - red wine sweet as honey) now gives the «Methyse» and «Antiope», both Mavrodaphne of Cephalonia, Protected Designation of Origin.
The white variety of robola -brought from Italy or exported to Italy [Ribola giala vino di saso], because its origin and direction were lost during the last five centuries - now gives the «Barcarola» and «Robola Black Label», both Robola of Cephalonia, Protected Designation of Origin.
The additional local white varieties Tsaoussi, Vostilidi and Moschatela, which now are giving the white dry and semidry wines, «Pandrosos» and «Asfodelos», Cephalonian wines with Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) Mantzavination and Slopes of Ainos.
They are also giving the single-variety dry wines: **Muscat, Vostilidi, Moschatella** and **Tsaoussi**, and the semi-dry version of Moschatella, the "Euphoria".
For the needs of the preparation of our Retsina «Vegera» we collect also the roditis variety, which additionally offers the single-variety version of dry Roditis.
The local red varieties Mavrodaphne, Thiako and Araklino, which now provide the dry red wines «Myesis (initiation) » and «Methysforos», the Cephalonian wines with Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) Mantzavintan and Slopes of Ainos.
At the same time, they give the single-variety dry version of Mavrodaphne: named “Daphne-Daphne”, now.
The red and white local varieties, which in simultaneous vinification are giving today the rose «Antidote» Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) Mantzavinaton, as well as Slopes of Ainos.
and finally
The red Mavrodaphne, which in white vinification gives the white dry wine «Apocalypse», blanc de noir.
The Foivos Company, during the first years of its operation, followed the winemaking techniques "inherited" from the Cephalonian production of wine.
Gradually, however, as he knew and conquered the excellent local varieties, succeeded to produce increasingly better wines, which they found recognition at first in Cephalonia, and then in the rest of Greece and abroad.
Just at the time of the high world economic crisis, which coincided with the time when the consumers in the West -tired of the known international grape varieties- were looking for new flavors and exotic varieties, our Company was de facto converted to a wine boutique.
Foivos s.a. succeeded to be recommended, to delight and challenge the senses of wine lovers everywhere with its creations, by participating in tests of international wine magazines and taking part in international wine competitions, reaping laurels and achieving international distinctions and awards.
A peak of its success was in 2012, when it was proclaimed in Berlin (by Berliner Wein Trophy) as the best Wine Producer in Greece. (http://www.berliner-wein-trophy.de/GroupItem.aspx?id=249&lang=en)
Apart from the announcing of our winery as the best producer in Greece in 2012 by the Berliner Wein Trophy, there have been a lot of other distinctions that brought international recognition.
Specifically, we received the following distinctions per wine:

**AWARDS - RATINGS**

**Antidote**
Antidote 2011: Bronze Medal at AWC 2012 in Vienna.
Ratings: Decanter rating 2012: Commended
Antidote 2015: “WINE ADVOCATE” April 2016: 89/100

**Antiope**
Antiope 2007: Gold Medal at “Femmes et Vins” du monde, Monaco 2009
Silver Medal at Berliner Wein Trophy 2013.
Silver Medal at Vienna AWC 2011.
Ratings: Wine Advocate 2017: 94/100

**Apocalypse**

**Vostilidi**
2015: “WINE ADVOCATE” April 2016: 90/100
2016: Wine Advocate 2017: 90/100

**Muscatel**
2015: “WINE ADVOCATE” April 2016: 90/100
Asfothelos
Asfothelos 2010: Bronze Medal at AWC 2011 in Vienna.
Asfothelos 2015: “Wine Advocate” April 2016: 90/100

Barcarola (Robola of Cephalonia)
Barcarola (Robola) 2011: Gold Medal at Berliner Wein Trophy 2012.
Barcarola (Robola) 2011: Silver Medal at AWC in Vienna 2012.
Barcarola (Robola) 2010: Bronze Medal at Decanter 2012.
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Barcarola (Robola) 2013: Bronze Medal at Decanter 2014.
Barcarola 2016: “Wine Advocate” 2017: 90/100

FOIVOS Muscat
2013: Gold Medal at Berliner Wein Trophy 2014
Gold Medal at Berliner Wein Trophy 2015.
Commended at Decanter 2014.

Foivos Robola

Robola 2010: Silver Medal at San Francisco Wine Competition 2012.

Ratings:
- Wine Spectator 2013: Robola 2012: 89/100
- Wine Spectator 2010: Robola 2009: 90/100
- Wine Spectator 2011: Robola 2010: 88/100
- Wine Spectator 2007: Robola 2006: 88/100
- Wine Enthusiast: Robola 2010: 87/100
- Wine Advocate: Robola 2009: 87/100
- Wine Advocate: Robola 2010: 88/100

Robola 2012: Decanter rating 2013: Commended

Robola 2015: “Wine Advocate” April 2016: 89/100
2016: Wine Advocate 2017: 88/100

Méthuse (Methyse)

- Double Gold Medal at Athens Eco–Festival 2006.
- Silver Medal in AWC 2011 in Vienna.
- Silver Medal in Mundus Vini 2011.

Βαθμολογίες (Ratings):
- Wine Spectator 2008: 87/100, Wine Enthusiast 2011: 88/100
- “OINOCHOOS, spring 2013: ****stars, Tasted le Journal 2014: 86.5/100
- “Wine Advocate” April 2016: 95/100

Methysforos
Methysforos 2009: Silver Medal at AWC 2011 in Vienna
Methysforos 2010: Bronze Medal at AWC 2012 in Vienna
“Wine Advocate” April 2016: 84/100

Myesis
Bronze Medal at Decanter 2013.

Pandrosos
Pandrosos 2010: Bronze Medal at AWC in Vienna 2012.
Stalactite

Stalactite 2005: Official Ambassador of Greece abroad
Gold Medal at the International Wine Contest 2013 in Thessaloniki.
Gold Medal at Berliner Wein Trophy 2012.

Silver Medal at AWC in Vienna 2011.
Silver Medal at Athens Eco – Festival 2006.
Bronze Medal at Decanter World Wine Awards 2012.

2012: Bronze Medal at Decanter 2013

Ratings:
Wine Spectator 2008: Stalactite 2005: 88/100
Wine Enthusiast 2011: Stalactite 2003: 87/100, Oinos 2013: 92/100
Tasted le Journal 2014-PROWEIN: Stalactite 2005: 90/100,
(among the best top 10 greek wines of Prowein 2014)
Tasted le Journal, September 2014: Stalactite 2005: 91/100
“Wine Advocate” April 2016: 92/100
Wine Advocate 2017: Stalactite 2013: 89/100, Stalactite 2012: 90/100

HORKUS Doux (2011)
Silver Medal at Decanter 2013
Silver Medal at Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2013.

RODITIS (2013) : Bronze Medal at Decanter 2014

International Recognition
The recognition of Foivos wines from consumers, networks and wine lovers began to be felt already in 2004, when Foivos wines began to be positively evaluated, highlighted and suggested by prestigious magazines of wine and gastronomy (www.domainefoivos.com / Publications).
In 2010, our **Stalactite** (PDO naturally sweet muscat of Cephalonia), with two gold awards till then, became official ambassador of Greek wine abroad, by the procedures of EDOAO (the National Interprofessional Wine Organization of Greece).
From 2013 began our products to be distributed successfully from the state monopoly SAQ in Canada (Quebec).
The Vineyard – our Varieties
The vineyards of Foivos S.A., core of the historic vineyard of Cephalonia, is the continuation of the historic course of Cephalonian wine from ancient times until today.
Mavrodaphne, Muscat, Moschatela, Vostilidi, Tsaoussi, Araklino, Thiako are rare indigenous varieties which give the aromatic wines -tasted once by the heroes of the Odyssey, and nowadays by the contemporary Cephalonians.
Today, the varieties Mavrodaphne and Muscat are the basic -famous from the Venetian times- varieties that grow in the vineyard of Foivos, giving wines with Protected Designation of Origin: PDO Mavrodaphne of Cephalonia and PDO Muscat of Cephalonia.
They also flourish and are intensively cultivated the varieties: Tsaoussi, Vostilidi or Goustolidi, and Moschatella, giving the PGI Mantzavinaton Wines, as well as the homonyms single-variety wines, which enrich dynamically the panel of Foivos wines.
From the area of Omala (on the slopes of Mount Ainos), and from cooperating growers of the region, derives the exquisite variety of Cephalonian robola, which gives the famous PDO Robola of Cephalonia, also produced from our company.
Additionally to the cultivation of the local Greek varieties, our company, seeking to emphasize both to the value of Greek products and the Greek language, has chosen for the names -not only of the company but also of its wines- words derived from Greek mythology, literature, nature and life. So, it renewed in the last years the labels of its wines, using as a symbol for every wine, a letter of the Greek alphabet, included in the name of each wine [e.g. λ for Ασφόδελος (Asfothelos), ρ for Βαρκαρόλα (Barcarola), ν for Πάνδροσος (Pandrosos), etc].
Oinorama 2016: first presentation of the new Red Amphora Under Water Wine 2015 of Foivos
FOIVOS Amphora Red Dry Wine “RHAPSODY” 2015:
Photo-phases of the trip of Mavrodrophe, from Vineyard to Amphorals and from Amphorals to Bottles
The trip of “RHAPSODY” from the Winery to the sea for ageing in the darkness of its bottom (February 2016)