

*Ktima*

GEROVASSILIOU



# 2008 Avaton

## KTIMA GEROVASSILIOU

Ktima Gerovassiliou was established in 1981 and is located approximately 25 km southwest of Thessaloniki. Today, 56 hectares are planted with Assyrtiko, Malagousia, Chardonnay, Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc for whites. The red varieties are Syrah, Merlot, Grenache Rouge, Limnio, Mavroudi, Mavrotragano and other local Greek red varieties. The area's climate is characterized as Mediterranean with a mild winter and a warm-to-cool summer that is tempered by the sea breeze. The soil is mainly sandy with a few clay substrates, calcareous rocks and is rich in sea fossils.

## WINEMAKER

Evangelos Gerovassiliou studied Agronomy in Thessaloniki and obtained his diploma in Oenology and tasting credentials from the University of Bordeaux. In 1981 he started the revival of viticulture in his hometown of Epanomi.

A small but ultra-modern winery was built in 1986.

During his training courses on a number of estates in the Bordelais region, he made many friends and also earned the respect of **Emile Peynaud**, internationally recognized as the forefather of modern oenology and one of Mr. Gerovassiliou's most influential teachers.

## TASTING NOTES

A big wine full of plum, smoke, violets, cherry jam, earth and mocha aromas. The palate is quite punchy with lots of tannins enveloping the raisin, red and dark fruit flavors. Excellent length and a decade of life ahead.

## FOOD PAIRING

Rib-eye steak, lamb shank and roasted duck.

## COMPOSITION:

50% Limnio, 30% Mavroudi &  
20% Mavrotragano

*Limnio as mentioned by Aristophanes in his play "The Peace" is the oldest Greek Varietal in existence.*

## APELLATION:

PGI Epanomi

## PRODUCTION:

12000 bottles

## FERMENTATION:

Entirely fermented in oak, where the wine is aged in French oak barrels.

## ACCOLADES:

*Wine & Spirits*: Top 100 Wineries of the Year for 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2014.

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