

Domaine Karanika, Cuvee Prestige Extra Brut 2017 Varietal Sparkling Wine

Annette van Kampen Greece / Macedonie / Amyndeo Assyrtiko 70%, Xinomavro (ungrafted) 30% 60% - 40a% sand - clay in Amyndeo plateau Assyrtiko from Levea and Xinomavro from Agios Panteleimonas (subregions of Amyndeo AO) Semi continental Cold winters with ample rain and snow, hot dry summers with cool nights 3 x sulphur dust, 2 x cupper dust, 1 * lime/sulphur spray, Nettle and Plantago juice spray Vetch and Clover By hand in 20 kg containers Xinomavro 50 hl/ha, Assyrtiko 30 hl/ha Assyrtiko & Xinomavro 2017 September 10 – 17 Grapes in different grades of ripeness pressed in basket press. Assyrtiko: wild fermented in barriques of 225 – 2000 liter. Xinomavro: temp controlled fermentation from 16 - 22 degr C. Very low sulphur, no chemical additives. Second fermentation in bottle. Sur latte for 48-90 months. Released 6 months after degorgement. This marriage between the lovely and elegant white Assyrtiko and the extraordinary structured Xinomavro wine remained on its lees for at least 48 months acquiring highly complex and a unique character that can be envied by several champagnes worldwide. Attractive white gold, with persistent bubbles. White blossom and yeast zooming like bees in a field of flowers, lemon curd and fine pastry meander shamelessly to the nose. Expect big flavours, a mix of fresh mint, anise taste, yellow apple and perfectly balanced acidity-bitters that playfully stay in the mouth for a very long time. July 2018, 4000 bottles 3.09/6.19 mg/ L