

Chapter 25
Greece

<p>CLIMATE AND GRAPE GROWING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate: Hot Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ +30°C in summer ● Altitude and wine = both hazardous + cooling effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Best sites = cooler sites ● Risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water stress - low rainfall (W. Greece) ○ Drought (E Greece) - rain shadow of mountains (no water for irrigation)
<p>REGIONS AND WINES</p>	<p>300+ native grapes PDO - native varieties</p> <p>Naoussa PDO (Xinomavro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Northern Greece - Macedonia region ❖ High altitude (400m+) - cooling ❖ Xinomaro (sim to Nebbiolo) - red wine PDO grape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ High tannin/high acid/med colour (quick fade to tawny)/lacks fresh fruit (even in youth) → earth/spice (age) ❖ Some WM new style = deeply coloured/less tannic/aged in new oak <p>Nemea PDO (Agiorgitiko)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ N of Pelopennese ❖ PDO - red wines - Agiorgitiko ❖ Altitude ranges 230-900m <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Best = middle of this range. (Too low = fruity/early consumption (or) too high = higher acid/fine tannins - used for rosé production/add freshness to blend.) ❖ Best = deep Ruby/smooth tannins/low-moderate acid/sweet spice/red fruit (Good in new oak/can age well) <p>Santorini PDO (Assyrtiko)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Windy volcanic island - Aegean Sea ❖ Unique training system = permanent wood trained low into basket shape - fruit grows on inside (wind protection) ❖ PDO covers red/white/dry/sweet ❖ Assyrtiko - high rep white grape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dry/perfumed/ripe citrus/stone fruit/high acidity ❖ Sweet = Vinsanto - late harvested and sun-dried up to 14 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Aged in old oak 2+ years ➢ Luscious sweet/high acid/oxidative flavour (caramel/nuts)



Greek wine laws

PDO + PGI (EU)

PDO (or term '**Appellation d'Origine de Qualité Supérieure**') = subcategory of PDO

Domestic market - Greek PDO is **Prostatevomeni Onomasia Proelefsis**