



2009 Domaine Hatzimichalis Cabernet Sauvignon

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

Review by [Mark Squires](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #222 (Dec 2015)

Rating: 86

Drink 2015 - 2020

Cost: \$0

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon, with "Estate Hatzimichalis" on the label, was aged for 12 months in French oak (25% each new, second, third and fourth use). It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. A fairly straightforward Cabernet, this is distinguished by its nice structure. There isn't much concentration, however, and it finishes with a fruity, easy feel. It should continue to hold for a few years, but it is best drunk now. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2014 Domaine Hatzimichalis Chardonnay Estate

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

Review by [Mark Squires](#)

eRobertParker.com # , #222 (Dec 2015)

Rating: 89

Drink 2015 - 2019

Cost: \$0

The 2014 Chardonnay Estate was fermented in stainless steel and aged for two months in French oak (second and third use). This is a fine value. Surprisingly solid in the mid-palate, it has a fresh feel to it, the oak being more or less irrelevant in terms of flavor. It finishes with a bit of pop and tension and lingers nicely, its fruity aspects taking over and making it very tasty. It should do well for a few years, but don't hesitate to drink it fresh. That's probably what it does best. There were 7,000 bottles produced. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2008 Domaine Hatzimichalis Erythros

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

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Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

The 2008 Erythros (i.e, "red") is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc and 20% Merlot, aged for 12 months in French oak (25% each new, second, third and fourth use). It comes in at 14% alcohol. This is another overachiever in the winery's lineup. For a pittance, you get a very respectable red. It doesn't have the greatest concentration in the lineup (the Merlot Drisbay also reviewed, certainly has more, for instance), but it has fine structure, grip on the finish and waves of tasty fruit on that finish, too. It is aging well. It's hard to believe that this is a 2008. Its balance and structure making it likely that it will continue aging gracefully for some time. Let's take that in stages and see where we are when we get there. There were 40,000 bottles produced. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2009 Domaine Hatzimichalis Kapnias

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Greece , , Atalante, Central Greece, Greece,

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Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

The 2009 Kapnias red is a Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 25 months in new French barriques. It comes in at 14% alcohol. Sourced from Zygos vineyard at 350 meters in altitude, this is a rather elegant Kapnias. It does have an oaky overlay, but there is also a backbone and a very tasty finish. It doesn't seem overly concentrated, perhaps, but the big bursts of flavor on the finish coupled with the nice structure make it very attractive. It handles its oak rather well, but this is a somewhat different style than the winery's somewhat purer reds this issue. As it aired out, though, it absorbed the oak rather nicely and an earthier nuance popped up, a touch of game. That helped this along. There were 6,500 bottles produced. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2013 Domaine Hatzimichalis Kapnias Zygos Vineyard

A Chardonnay Dry White Table wine from Greece , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

Review by [Mark Squires](#)
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Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

The 2013 Kapnias Zygos Vineyard is a single-vineyard Chardonnay aged for eight months in a mixture of new (30%) and second year (70%) French oak. Beautifully constructed, with controlled oak impact, this graceful Chardonnay has respectable depth, lifted fruit, some grip on the finish and a focused feel.

Youthful and vibrant, it is a very nice effort. There were 4,000 bottles produced. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2014 Domaine Hatzimichalis Lefkos Domaine Hatzimichalis

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

Review by [Mark Squires](#)

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Rating: 88

Drink 2015 - 2018

Cost: \$0

The 2014 Lefkos Domaine Hatzimichalis, the estate white, is 50% Sauvignon Blanc with 30% Malagousia and 20% Robola, all unoaked. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. A rather consistent bargain from year to year, this is in the summer white category—it's always fresh and lively, but never thick, big or bombastic. It has very respectable concentration for the level, a pleasing finish and an interesting medley of flavors from the grapes involved. Despite being 50% Sauvignon Blanc, the Sauvignon is balanced (or muted) by the other components of the blend. This should be in great shape when summer 2016 rolls around, but make sure to drink these young and fresh, no matter how long they theoretically hold. That's what they are designed for. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2008 Domaine Hatzimichalis Merlot Alargino Vineyard

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

Review by [Mark Squires](#)

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Rating: 88

Drink 2015 - 2021

Cost: \$0

The 2008 Merlot Alargino Vineyard was aged for 12 months in new French oak. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. Alargino is a vineyard at 320 meters in altitude. Fresh, elegant and nicely structured, this sunny Merlot drinks very well. Avoiding the jammy and sweet, it is a classic food wine with a tasty and juicy finish. If I had a quibble, though, there is a touch of funk on the nose, which I took to be a reductive issue. I had to consider that a flaw, but it's not too strong and the wine otherwise performs very well—in fact, exceptionally well at times. In most respects, it is simply beautiful and the best of the winery's Bordeaux grape offerings this issue by most objective measures, particularly mid-palate concentration. It should continue to drink well over the next several years given its impeccable balance and structure, but let's take that in stages. Note that the USA and Greek labels are different, as with the Estate Syrah also reviewed this issue. The vineyard name is not on the USA label. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2009 Domaine Hatzimichalis Merlot Merlot

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

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Drink 2015 - 2021

Cost: \$0

The 2009 Merlot Merlot (amusingly named because it is sourced from two different vineyards—Yataki and Alepotrypa) was aged for ten months in French oak (half second use, the rest third year). It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. A bit more expressive in flavor than the Drisbay Merlot also reviewed, this retains its fine structure and loses the bit of funk. Velvety in texture, fruity in a controlled sense and quite elegant, this is an overachiever that has a real backbone. If it lacks the Drisbay's concentration, it has many merits of its own—and less funk. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2014 Domaine Hatzimichalis Sauvignon Blanc Kryovrisi Vineyard

A Sauvignon Blanc Dry White Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

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Drink 2015 - 2019

Cost: \$0

The 2014 Sauvignon Blanc Kryovrisi Vineyard is dry, unoaked and comes in at 14% alcohol. Sourced from the Northern foothills of Mt. Chlomo at an altitude of 240 meters, this has fine viscosity and a lingering finish. It doesn't have a lot of character, if you're looking for that green and grassy aromatic. There are mild green nuances on the palate, but it is rather restrained as Sauvignon Blanc goes. The controlled aromatics will suit many (and not necessarily thrill Sauvignon Blanc purists). It drinks great, though, with good depth, fine structure and a perky demeanor. It has some substance. Note that the vineyard name is only on the back label. The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com

2009 Domaine Hatzimichalis Syrah "Drisbay Vineyard"

A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Greece , , , Atalanti Valley, Greece,

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Drink 2015 - 2021

Cost: \$0

The 2009 Syrah "Drisbay Vineyard" with "Estate Hatzimichalis" on the label, was aged for 12 months in French oak (25% new, 25% second use and the rest third use). It comes in a 13.5% alcohol. This single-vineyard Syrah is completely enchanting for the modest price. On opening, it was rather nice. It

had elegance and seductive, velvety texture, finishing with controlled flavors. About 20 minutes of air dramatically improved this, though. It tightened, showing a more serious backbone. At the same time, the fruit opened up and became more expressive, more typically Syrah and chock full of flavor (although controlled in terms of those funky nuances some Syrahs can acquire). Add the modest price point and you can't go wrong here. A lot of wine for the price, it should continue to hold well for a few years, at the least. There were 20,000 bottles produced. Note that Tina Papasinou (Oenologist / Wine Marketing Department) indicated that the Greek and USA labels for this are different. The USA label does not indicate it is from Drisbay (although this Estate Syrah always is). I have kept the Drisbay name we've used in the past, since it is accurate (and in any event, the sources from which the wine comes often vary from USA to Greece). The wines here tend to fall in the value category. In that regard, they perform very well. They often seem like a lot of wine for the price. They rarely disappoint. Importer(s): Fantis Imports, Carlstadt, N.J., (201) 933-6200, fantisfoods.com
