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ARGYROS AIDANI

2006 Santorini

Unusual in its exclusive reliance on aidiani, this captures the grape in all its floral delicacy. It's sweet, but the restrained acidity along with Santorini's chalky minerality keeps everything in check. pour it with a light and simple dessert, like angel food cake.

Hellas import, Brookline, MA

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KATOGEI STROFILIA

Katogi & Strofilia 2004 Naoussa Xinomavro

Behind all the wood notes there's a textbook xinomavro, redolent of dried cherries, dried roses, moist earth and cedar. Give it several years for the powerful acidity and tannin to mature, and it may perform beyond its current score.

Hellas Import, Brookline, MA

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MICHALAKIS ESTATE

Michalakis 2005 Crete Velvet Passion

It's becoming common on Crete to blend a little syrah in with the native kotsifali, and this wine shows why. Kotsifali's lean, spicy dried fruit flavors keep the wine firmly based in Crete, but they are filled out beautifully bright, floral syrah notes and lots of velvety plum flavor.

Hellas import, Brookline, MA

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RAPTIS ESTATE

Raptis Estate 2004 Peloponnese Red Rock

Here's a steakhouse red. A blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, this is rich with velvety black fruit liberally seasoned with black peppercorns and glossed to a high sheen with oak. It would be too much if it weren't for the earthy stone character that pulls it back to the earth of the Peloponnese.

Hellas import, Brookline, MA

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CAMBAS

Mavrodaphne Of Patras

Ginger, cinnamon and cardamom notes give this wine's black raisin flavors a spicy kick. It's sweet enough to do best in its own.

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CAMBAS

Retsina - Attica Retsina of Messoghia

This is one of the most delicate resinas we tasted, the pine resin lightly laces through the wine's apple fruit. It's fresh and simple, terrific for quaffing with babaganoush and warm pita.

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

2005 Crete Mirambello

A traditional blend of kotsifali and mandilaria, this is dry and earthy, its flavors as smoky, herbal and meaty as the roast lamb with which this would be delicious. If you're looking for a fruit, forget it; if you are looking for Crete, it's here.

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

2004 Crete Mediterra Vilana

Mouthwatering, this is like biting into a slice of cold honeydew, its smooth, fresh fruit flavors underlined by a saline minerality.

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KATOGEI STROFILIA

Katogi & Strofilia 2005 Central Greece Savatiano-Roditis Fresco Averoff

Roditis's leony floral notes brighten savatiano's almondy breadth, the whole feeling clean and fruity. y it against the sweet meatiness of cold jumbo shrimp.

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KATOGEI AVEROFF

Katogi Averoff 2002 Metsovo Purple Earth

A rustic wine, this agiorgitiko-xinomavro blend has the sort of herbal, dried tomato flavors that would fit well with roast stuffed eggplant.

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KATOGEI STROFILIA

Katogi & Strofilia 2005 Patras Ghinos Roditis

Light and floral, this organically grown roditis has a touch of astringency that makes it mouthwatering next to fried zucchini blossoms.

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RAPTIS ESTATE

2004 Nemea

An easy introduction to agiorgitiko, this has the generous cherry flavors common to the variety, here smoothed and sweetened by vanilla flavors of oak. It's Fresh and balanced in a New World style; for leg of lamb.

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ARGYROS

2006 Santorini Canava

So ripe it's almost candied, this is an unusually juicy Santorini, a gentle introduction to the island's wines.

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

Crete Olympias 2006 Crete Xerolithia

Limey and sharp, this has a malic acid bite that will be brought into better balance with rich, fatty foods, like little fired fish dipped in aioli.

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KATOGEI AVEROFF

Katogi Averoff Metsovo

The opposite end of the spectrum from Averoff's Estate red, this is lightly and spicy, its nutty red cherry fruit suited to summer sausages and salty sliced ham.

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KATOGEI AVEROFF

Katogi Averoff 2004 Metsovo Melifron

Clean and bright, this has a peppery herbal edge to tame its intense sweetness.

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KATOGEI AVEROFF

Katogi Averoff 2005 Metsovo

With 20 percent chardonnay filling out roditis's light, floral tones, this is crisp and dry, a simple, lemony pleasur to sip on warm summer evenings.

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ALLAYIANNIS WINERY

Allayiannis 2006 Central Greece Attican Sky Rose

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Claudia Pappayianni

Claudia Pappayianni 2005 Macodenia

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