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ARGYROS

2003 Santorini Ktima

Yannis Argyros is a compact, quiet man who makes some of the island's best wines. This estate bottling is excellent proof, a muscular Santorini built of chalk and toasty lees. A little bit of oak gives it extra power without obscuring the wine's beautiful minerality or sweetening its savory flavors, the effect creating a wine one taster called "the Montrachet of Greece." To me, it's Santorini at its best, and it will continue to get more interesting over the next ten to 15 years.

Hellas Import, Brookline, MA

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2004 Santorini Canava

Powerful, young Santorini, this was even better the second day, when its savory, chalky minerality let out richer notes of honey, apple and orange peel. It's a regal white to drink now, with veal or to cellar through 2014.

Hellas import, Brookline, MA

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MOUNDRIZAS

Nemea Agioritiko

Spunky and sophisticated, this rose jazzes up its strawberry flavors with herbs and spice and underlines them with deeper cherry notes. It'll match anything from hot dogs to seafood sausages.

Hellas Import, Brookline, MA

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KTIMA VOGIATZI

2002 Vin de Pays de Vevendos

Tart and bright with lovely spice, this xinomavro-cabernet-merlot blend from the cool far north of Greece is soft yet refreshing, its tart cherry-cranberry flavors paved with spice. Play up its gamey side with lamb sausages.

Hellas import, Brookline, MA

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

2003 Crete Mirambello

Lively acidity keeps this raspberry-filled blend of kotsafali and mandilaria light and graceful. Its earthy, gravelly tannins are ready for lamb chops.

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2002 Santorini Atlantis

Intense and wild, this was voted the most interesting wine or almost forgotten mandilaria, it's tannic and spicy, the cinnamon, clove, and mace notes on the dark wild cherry flavors suggesting a match with a lamb pilaf.

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2003 Santorini Canava

A warm, pithy, broad assyrtiko, this would go well with lamb in avgolemon sauce.

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

2004 Vin de Crete

This wine's chalky, mineral almost saline flavors beg for fat, sweet shrimp.

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KATOI AVEROFF

2003 Ioannina Estate Averoff Traminer

Airy and simple, this plays light spice and floral notes off extreme litchi flavor, without any of the bitterness common to traminer. It will make a good aperitif this summer.

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

2003 Crete Mediterra Red

A blend of kotsafali and n aria, this plays sweet raspberry flavors off pleasantly scratchy tannins, a terrific match for spicy-sweet barbecued meats.

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

Crete Ymnos

With soft Meyer lemon and grapefruit flavors, this refreshing white wants crab, scallops, or other sweet seafood

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CAMBAS

2003 Vinde Pays de Peloponnese Chardonnay

With clean, crisp pineapple flavors, this is an easy aperitif-style chardonnay

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CRETA OLYMPIAS

Samos

A Honey-lemon flavors with a slight green tea-like herbal note make this a light and easy Samos Muscat.

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