



## PAPAIOANNOU NEMEA

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Thanasis Papaioannou was regarded as one of the most important figures of modern Greek winemaking. His belief is a combination of indigenous varieties and organic viticulture are the vital ingredients to produce balanced wines reflecting the terroir. Today, his son works with 57 hectares of organically certified vineyards, located in the Nemea region of the Peloponnese. The wines demonstrating real character at exceptional prices. Nemea is arguably Greece's most important red-wine region,

located in the northeastern corner of the Peloponnese peninsula. The village of Nemea is around 20 miles (35km) southwest of Corinth, and the appellation that surrounds the village is geographically the largest in Greece. Around 40 wineries are located there and the area has seen a huge amount of investment and growth over the past few decades. The surrounding mountains and valleys have been producing wine for centuries.

Agiorgitiko is an ancient Greek grape variety mostly planted in Nemea, named for the small St George's Church found within the boundaries of the appellation: Agiorgitiko translates as "St George's grape". A wide range of styles are made from this red grape variety, from lighter, fruitier wines to rich, age-worthy examples such as this. The label references the 'Lion of Nemea';

a creature of Greek legend, killed by Heracles.

A classical red fermentation occurred with ten days of extraction. Then, the wine is aged for one year in oak barrel.

**Tasting Notes:** Ripe plum and forest fruits, concentrated yet graceful with complex spiced nuances, coffee bean and leather with fine tannic structure bringing balance to the dark fruit.

**Food Match:** Ideal with slow cooked lamb in red wine sauce

**Closure:** Natural Cork

**Farming Practices:** Organic - Contains Sulfites

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