



DIAMOND IMPORTERS



## AMYNDEON HARVEST REPORT 2012

“Amyndeon had quite a hard winter with many snowfalls during the season, resulting in a late start to the growing season. Lots of rain during the spring helped us prepare for a very dry summer but in some cases, e.g. Malagouzia, Merlot and Xinomavro experienced some minor shatter during bloom. From the beginning of June, we enjoyed a very dry summer with no temperature extremes indicating an early harvest – 7-10 days earlier than average. In fact, it is the first time we experienced Xinomavro veraison in the second week of August!

In our Hedgehog block, the fruit is showing dark berry and licorice aromas and good tannin structure. The Turtles block escaped most of the early-season weather challenges and is looking to be an outstanding harvest with the wines showing soft tannins with higher acidities. The clusters’ weight is 20% lower than the average.

Malagouzia, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Xinomavro grapes are showing great forward fruit and are beautifully balanced with amazing acidity.

Initial tastings of Syrah, one of the Alpha Estate Red varietals, clearly show a difference from the 2011 vintage. With lots of fruit, 2012 is close in profile to the outstanding 2009 vintage, with cherry aromas, ripe flavors, and warm notes.

Overall, we had good harvest weather and picked at the peak of what we want to see in sugar, acid and grape maturity. Early season stress on the vine gives us high expectations as to the quality of this harvest.”

Angelos Iatridis, Winemaker

