

TUTTO

DOMAINE DE KALATHAS

Tinos, Cyclades



The wines of Domaine de Kalathas possess an energy which will be familiar to anyone who has visited the Cyclades.

Open to the elements, Tinos is perhaps the most wild and windswept of the archipelago, and it was the island's rugged beauty that led Jérôme Binda to move here with his young family from France over a decade ago.

The Bindas' vineyards can be found crawling amidst a remote, otherworldly landscape strewn with giant boulders, some three hundred to four hundred metres above the Aegean in the island's east. The old bush vines of indigenous varieties are up to two hundred years of age and grow on their original roots over weathered, sandy granite soils, which lend the wines a nourishing, mineral quality.

Whilst farming is organic, the Bindas go well beyond that, employing elements of biodynamics and permaculture; they are constantly looking at ways to retain water and nutrients in this incredibly arid climate. In the cellar, the focus is very much on expressing the purity of this remarkable island's fruit.

Grapes are picked and sorted with great care, trodden by foot and after fermentation the wines are left to age for as long as is needed to garner the clarity and focus that are their hallmark.

They have a density and length that rival any in the Mediterranean and perhaps most importantly, an intensity which captures the warmth, light and wind of this beautiful island to great effect.

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From old vineyards of Aspro Potamisi, this spent three days macerating on the skins, before being foot trodden and pressed off to vats for two years of élevage. A striking shade of amber in the glass, this immediately draws you in with sunkissed stone fruits and heady notes of sea breeze and brine. The palate displays a remarkable density and fluidity, with a pleasant, almond-like bitterness adding plenty of intrigue.