Patras Mavrodaphne



Mavrodaphne is a colourful variety of Greek wine grown in north-western Peloponnese (especially around the area of Patras) and some Ionian islands (mostly in Kefalonia). From this variety alone or with co-production by 50% with the Corinthian black variety, the sweet red wine registered as "Mavrodaphne Patron" and "Mavrodaphne Cephalonia, is produced.

The variety is characterised by moderate liveliness and productivity. The vine is formed in a cup shaped or ligneous Royat and accepts short pruning. It produces an average of two grapes per fruit stem, which are usually in the third and fourth node. The plant is susceptible to mildew, to anthorroia and drought. In order to produce quality wine, cultivation of these vines should be avoided in heavy and fertile soil and should timely receive proper interference by the farmer.

The grapes are usually moderate in size, mostly scarcely placed and cylindrical or conical in shape. Their skin is thick and tough skin and its colour is bluish, while the flesh is juicy and colourless.