

Every time I  
open a bottle  
of wine, it is an  
amazing trip  
somewhere.



JOSÉ ANDRÉS

# Specialty Cocktails

## MEDITERRANEAN GIN & TONIC

Stray Dog gin, lime, lemon, thyme, peppercorn, Fever Tree tonic 16

## POMONA

Ouzo, lemon, pomegranate, Moroccan mint 14

## 3 PM IN ISTANBUL

Vodka infused with lemon lavender mint tisane, aperol, vanilla, lime, grapefruit 15

## POM FILI

Red wine, vodka, pomegranate, all spice dram glass 13 | carafe 66

## ZA'ATAR MARGARITA

Milagro tequila, lime, orange liqueur, za'atar air 15

## MINOAN SOUR

Tsipouro, lemon, egg white, olive oil 15

## SIDECAR TO TANGIER

Metaxa 5 Greek brandy, spice blend of rose petals, cardamom, cumin, honey, lemon 16

## DANCING TREE MARTINI

Stray Dog Greek gin, Otto's Athens vermouth, Scrappy's lavender bitters 16

## ANKARA RYE CLUB

Sazerac rye, thyme and cumin infused vermouth rouge 16

## OTTO'S ATHENS VERMOUTH

Created with olive leaves, rose petals and kumquat 14

## THYME-CUMIN VERMOUTH

Sweet vermouth infused with thyme and cumin 14

## TURKISH PICKLEBACK

Efe black label raki, Kilikya Salgam 16

# Ouzo, Arak & Raki *anise liqueurs served in the traditional style*

## OUZO *GREECE*

Barbayanni 12

Plomari 11

Metaxa 13

## ARAK *LEBANON*

Ksara Ksarak 11

El Massaya 13

Chateau Musar 20

## RAKI *TURKEY*

Efe Raki Blue 12

Efe Raki Green 13

Efe Raki Black 14

Beylerbeyi Göbek 15

# Beer

## DRAFT

Aslin Old Towne Lager

American-Style Light Lager (VA) 9

DC Brau Pils

German Pilsner (DC) 9

Right Proper Li'L Wit

Belgian Style Witbier (DC) 9

Atlas Ponzi

West Coast IPA (DC) 9

City State Featherduster

New England IPA (DC) 9

Troegs Haze Charmer

Hazy IPA (PA) 9

## BOTTLE/CAN

Back Home Beer: Persian Blue (NY) 9

Back Home Beer: Sumac Gose (NY) 9

Heineken 0.0% Alcohol Free (Netherlands) 8

# Non-Alcoholic

## BOTTLED SODA

Coca-Cola 6 / Sprite 6 / Diet Coke 6

Fever-Tree- ginger ale 5 / ginger beer 5 / club soda 5

## AEGEAN SUNSET

cardamom, lime, peach, cherry 8

## TURKISH JUICES 6

apricot / peach / sour cherry

## CUCUMBER-MINT COOLER 8

## LEMONATHA

lemon, water, orange blossom 7

## AYRAN

yogurt, water, salt, lime 6

# Wines by the Glass

## SPARKLING

- Raventós i Blanc, Cuvée José, Conca del Riu Anoia, Spain** 16/64  
*Dry, lovely and celebratory.*
- Karanika Cuvee Rosé, Xinomavro, Limniona, Amyndaio, Greece** 20/80  
*Refreshing, elegant and crisp with notes of strawberry and rose petals, and a burst of fruit on the palate. The acidity is balanced with a creamy texture and long finish.*

## WHITE

- Lyrarakis, Assyrtiko, Crete, Greece** 16/64  
*The classic Greek varietal with crisp minerality and bright acidity. Enjoy with seafood.*
- Bosinakis, Mantinia, Moschofilero, Peloponnese, Greece** 14/58  
*Exceptional freshness and lively acidity. Citrus fruits and lemon flowers on the nose, with a crisp, clean finish.*
- Nostos, Romeiko, Crete, Greece** 13/52  
*An ancient grape variety from Crete. Medium body, dry with flavors of ripe stone fruit and citrus.*
- San Gerasimo, Orealios Gaea, Robola, Kefalonia, Greece** 15/60  
*Strong complex flavor, full of grapefruit, floral and honeyed aromas. The grapes originate from mountainous vineyards which are still cultivated the traditional way, resulting in low yields and high quality.*
- Almyra, Skouras, Chardonnay, Peloponnese, Greece** 16/64  
*Expressive nose with aromas of ripe peach, tropical fruit and hints of lemon. Aromas of butter, bread and caramel follow. The mouth is rich, round, refreshing and balanced.*
- Chateau Musar, Jeune Blanc, Viogner, Vermentino, Chardonnay, Lebanon** 18/72  
*Pale yellow color, a medium body and rich in exotic fruits, peaches and pears with a clear floral finish.*
- Gervassiliou, Malagousia, Macedonia, Greece** 20/80  
*Brilliant straw color with greenish shades and an aroma of ripe fruit such as pear, mango and citrus. On the palate the rich flavors of lemon peel enhance the appealing mouthfeel.*

## ROSÉ

- Avantis, Syrah, Grenache, Central Greece** 12/48  
*Deep color with a pronounced nose of strawberry, sour cherry and pomegranate. On the palate, this wine is fruity and full bodied with well balanced acidity.*
- Troupis Moschofilero "Eakto", Moschofilero, Peloponnese, Greece** 15/60  
*This a lovely, aromatic rosé. Rich and bold with lively acidity, it's a great accompaniment to a wide range of food.*

## RED

- Dafnes, Douloufakis, Liatiko, Crete, Greece** 14/56  
*Liatiko is the most widely planted red variety in Crete. Light with ripe, savory spice aromas. The palate is full of lovely dark cherry, plum and mace-like spice. Lovely crisp acidity and soft tannins.*
- Domaine Zafeirakis, Limniona, Thessalia, Turkey** 17/70  
*Made from the rare, Greek local varietal, Limniona, this wine shows rich, very expressive, red fruit, herbs, minerality and cooking spices on the nose. The palate is firm and textured.*
- Argatia, Xinomavro, Naoussa, Greece** 19/76  
*Flavors of earth with tomato-leaf, red fruits like cherry and strawberry with soft tannins.*
- Geometria, Lazafanis, Agiorgitiko, Nemea, Greece** 13/52  
*Greece's answer to Cabernet Sauvignon. Full-bodied with dark plums and black cherries.*
- Le Roi Des Montagnes, Papargyrou, Cabernet Sauvignon/Mavrodaphne/Touriga Nacional Corinth, Greece** 22/90  
*A full-bodied, earthy red with rich and spicy flavors.*

# Champagne & Sparkling

NV Kavaklidere, Altın Köpük Brut, <i>Emir</i> , Cappadocia, Turkey	63
NV Lyrarakis Za Za Zu, <i>Muscat/Vilana/Vidiano</i> , Crete, Greece (Demi-Sec)	52
NV Veuve Clicquot Brut Yellow Label, Champagne, France	185
NV Pol Roger Brut Reserve, Champagne, France	155
NV Canard-Duchêne Cuvée Leonie Brut, Champagne, France	95
NV Tselepos Amalia Brut, <i>Moschofilero</i> , Péloponnèse, Greece	74
NV Tselepos Amalia Brut Rosé, <i>Agiorgitiko</i> , Péloponnèse, Greece	82
'21 Kir-Yianni Akakies Rosé, <i>Xinomavro</i> , Noussa, Greece	66
'21 Georgiev & Milkov Pet Nat Funky, <i>Mavrud</i> , Thracian Valley, Bulgaria	75

## White

### LIGHT, CRISP & DRY

'21 Sokos, <i>Savvatiano</i> , Attica, Greece	43
'20 Argyros Estate Atlantis, <i>Assyrtiko/Athiri/Aidani</i> , Santorini, Greece	79
'21 Chateau Ksara Blanc de Blancs, <i>Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay/Semillon</i> , Bekka Valley, Lebanon	48

### FRUITY, AROMATIC & FRAGRANT

'21 Lyrarakis Vóila, <i>Assyrtiko</i> , Crete, Greece	62
'20 Vouni Panayia Alina, <i>Xynisteri</i> , Paphos, Cyprus	64
'20 Taybeh Nadim, <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i> , West Bank, Palestine	83
'21 Nico Lazaridi Magic Mountain, <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i> , Drama, Greece	92
'19 Alpha Estate Ecosystem Kaliva, <i>Sauvignon Blanc Fume</i> , Amyndeon, Greece	110
'20 Lyrarakis Psarades, <i>Plyto</i> , Crete, Greece	58
'20 Gaia Estate Thalassitis, <i>Assyrtiko</i> , Santorini, Greece	130
'21 Santo, <i>Assyrtiko</i> , Santorini, Greece	84
'21 Domaine Sigalas, <i>Assyrtiko</i> , Santorini, Greece	110
'20 Canava Chrissou Tselepos, <i>Assyrtiko</i> , Santorini, Greece	87
'18 Estate Argyros Cuvee Monsignori, <i>Assyrtiko</i> , Santorini, Greece	150
'21 Massaya Blanc, <i>Sauvignon Blanc/Obeidi</i> , Bekka Valley, Lebanon	77
'21 Clos St. Thomas Les Gourmets, <i>Sauv Blanc/Chardonnay/Viognier/Obeidi</i> , Bekka Valley, Lebanon	45
'20 Biblia Chora Ovilos, <i>Assyrtiko/Semillon</i> , Macedonia, Greece	92
'21 Bosinakis, <i>Moschofilero</i> , Mantinia, Greece	52
'21 Domaine Skouras Salto, <i>Moschofilero</i> , Mantinia, Greece	62
'21 Domaine Douloufakis Dafnios, <i>Vidiano</i> , Crete, Greece	52

### MATURE, COMPLEX & RICH (Some Oak)

'21 Pelter Winery Unwooded, <i>Chardonnay</i> , Galilee, Israel	87
'20 Kavaklidere Çankaya, <i>Emir/Narince/Sultana</i> , Central Anatolia, Turkey	47
'20 Chateau Musar Jeune Blanc, <i>Viognier/Vermantino/Chardonnay</i> , Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	65
'15 Antonopoulos Anax, <i>Chardonnay</i> , Péloponnèse, Greece	93
'17 Manousakis Nostos, <i>Roussanne</i> , Crete, Greece	102

## Rosé

'20 Troupis Hoof & Lure, <i>Unfiltered Moschofilero</i> , Mantinia, Greece	66
'20 Vinkara Minoj, <i>Kalecik Karasi</i> , Ankara, Turkey	60
'21 Chateau Ksara Sunset, <i>Cabernet Franc/Syrah</i> , Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	48
'21 Gai'a Estate 4-6, <i>Agiorgitiko</i> , Nemea, Greece	56
'21 Mittravelas, <i>Agiorgitiko/Syrah</i> , Péloponnèse, Greece	68
'20 Musar Jeune Rose, <i>Cinsaut/Mourvèdre</i> , Bekka Valley, Lebanon	70

# Red

## LIGHT, SMOOTH & EASY

'19 Argyros Estate Atlantis, <i>Mandilaria/Mavrotragano</i> , Santorini, Greece	70
'21 Domaine Skouras Saint George, <i>Agiorgitiko</i> , Nemea, Greece	62
'17 Oenofilos, <i>Parparoussis</i> , <i>Agiorgitiko/Mavrodapnhe</i> , Peloponnese, Greece	82
'19 Argatia Haroula, <i>Xinomavro/ Negkoska/ Mavrodapnhe</i> , Naoussa, Greece	62
'20 Thymiopoulos Vineyards Young Vines, <i>Xinomavro</i> , Naoussa, Greece	57
'19 Alpha Estate Hedgehog, <i>Xinomavro</i> , Amyndeon, Greece	76
'20 Biblia Chora Sole, <i>Pinot Noir</i> , Macedonia, Greece	97

## FRUITY, JUICY & CHEERFUL

'20 Avantis Estate, <i>Syrah</i> , Evia, Greece	70
'18 Lyrarakis Plakoura, <i>Mandilari</i> , Crete, Greece	67
'19 Domaine Zafeirakis, <i>Limniona</i> , Amyndeon, Greece	72
'20 Massaya, Le Colombier, <i>Grenache Noir/Cinsault/Tempranillo</i> , Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	75
'17 Manousakis Alexandra's, <i>Syrah/Grenache/Mourvèdre</i> , Crete, Greece	68

## FULL BODIED, RICH & BOLD

'18 Tselepos Driopi, <i>Agiorgitiko</i> , Nemea, Greece	67
'19 Chateau Musar Hochar, <i>Cinsault/Grenache/Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	92
'19 Tsantali Kanenas, <i>Syrah/Mavroudi</i> , Maronia, Greece	80
'19 Taybeh Nadim, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , West Bank, Palestine	78
'19 Dalamára Paliokalias, <i>Xinomavro</i> , Naoussa, Greece	170
'20 Tsillilis Theopetra, <i>Limniona/Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah</i> , Trikala, Greek	74
'13 Chateau St. Thomas, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Syrah</i> , Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	86
'20 Costa Lazaridi Château Julia, <i>Merlot</i> , Drama, Greece	92
'21 Agur Kessem, <i>Cab Sauv/Merlot/Cab Franc/Carignan/ Garnacha Tintorera</i> , Judean Hills, Israel	125
'12 Chateau Belle-Vue Le Chateau, <i>Cabernet Franc/Syrah</i> , Bhamdoun-Mount, Lebanon	180
'19 Domaine Lazaridi Amethystos Cava, <i>Cabernet Franc</i> , Drama, Greece	112
'19 Gai'a Estate, <i>Agiorgitiko</i> , Nemea, Greece	126
'17 Pelter Trio, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Cabernet Franc</i> , Golan Heights, Israel	148
'12 Massaya Gold, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon/Mourvèdre/Syrah</i> , Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	185
NV Skouras Mega Oenos Labyrinth 99-17, <i>Agiorgitiko/Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Peloponnese, Greece	415

### CHATEAU MUSAR

*From the Bekka Valley, our dear departed friend Serge Hochar made wines of unrivaled quality.  
Wines of consequence: wines for contemplation.*

'14 Chateau Musar Blanc, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	210
'12 Chateau Musar Blanc, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	225
'90 Chateau Musar Blanc, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	700
'16 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	200
'15 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	225
'12 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	250
'04 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	325
'01 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	350
'99 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	375
'98 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	400
'97 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	425
'75 Chateau Musar Rouge, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	1300

# International Wines

## GERMAN RIESLING

'20 Wittmann Weingut, Rheinhessen, Trocken Estate (bone-dry)	85
'20 Dr. Hermann, Erdener Treppchen, Spätlese (off-dry)	100

## FRENCH CHARDONNAY

'19 Maison Roche de Bellene, Meursault Vieilles Vignes	170
'20 Louis Moreau, Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons	140

## FRENCH PINOT NOIR

'19 Michel Magnien, Gevrey-Chambertin, 1er Cru Les Cazetiers	202
'19 Prosper Maufoux, Santenay 1er Cru 'Les Gravières'	170

## RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE

'20 Château Saint Cosme, Côte-Rôtie	182
'19 Domaine de Saje, Châteauneuf-du-Pape	137
'19 Château de Beaucastel, Châteauneuf-du-Pape	300

## USA

'20 MacRostie, Wildcat Mountain, <i>Chardonnay</i> , Sonoma Coast, California	150
'21 Adelsheim, <i>Pinot Noir</i> , Willamette Valley, Oregon	115
'19 Crossbarn, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Napa Valley, California	175

# Wine Regions of Greece

## NORTHERN GREECE

Northern Greece is mainly dedicated to the acclaimed Xinomavro, a grape variety that provides an awakening to the senses. With its wonderfully tannic structure these wines offer incredible complexity, depth and possibly the longest aging potential of any Greek red. The Naoussa and Amynteo regions exemplify the varietal, which greatly benefit from the cool climate and high elevation. Over to the east in Drama, the birthplace of theater, there are exciting whites made from Roditis and Assyrtiko. The diversity of terrains and climates in this region makes it one of the most exciting in all of Greece.



## CENTRAL GREECE

Central Greece is a vast and important viticulture area, whose history was once focused on the mass production of wines. Most recently, it has experienced a winemaking renaissance. In the 1980s, newer vines were planted in the breathtaking Ritsona and foothills of Mt. Olympus, which has allowed the area to dedicate its land to quality wines. Due to the area's cooler climates and adequate varietal plantings, wines have gone from uninspiring to stunning. Rapsani, the prominent appellation of Central Greece, produces big, mouth-watering wines from Xinomavro, Stavroto and Krasato that will age beautifully in the cellar for years to come.



## PELOPONNESE

The southernmost part of mainland Greece is home to the Peloponnese, an incredible area that despite its focus on white wines, still produces amongst the best reds in Greece. In the heart of the Peloponnese lies Mantinia, an appellation dedicated to the floral white Moschofilero and the neighboring Nemea where the luscious red Agiorgitiko is grown. Over in the seven mountainous Ionian Islands, Cephalonia reigns queen with its production of the elegant Robola.



## CRETE

In the Southernmost point of Greece lays the island of Crete, which is home to 15 percent of the country's vineyards. Because of the island's close proximity to Africa, most of the region's viticulture is done in the cooler mountainous regions in the North to avoid heat and strong winds carrying sand.



## AEGEAN ISLANDS

With its numerous islands, the Aegean Sea is home to many of Greece's most extraordinary terroirs, grape varietals and wines. The most unique from this region is found on the island of Santorini, where the insanely intense eruption of volcano Thera created the perfect ecosystem for the development of Assyrtiko wines. So harsh is the landscape that the vines must be grown in small pits known as stefani to protect the grapes from the wind and sun. The islands Lemnos, Paros and Rhodes are equally important, producing thrilling wines that will transport you to a warm sunset upon first sip!



## WINES OF ISRAEL

Of five wine regions in Israel, Galilee is the northernmost region and produces the wines of the highest quality. Here wine is grown at altitudes as high as 3200 feet. Israel has a Mediterranean climate with hot and humid summer and cold rainy winters. In other words; everything needed to make great wines.



## WINES OF LEBANON

Wine production in Lebanon is very small but has risen in the last few years. The Bekaa Valley in the Northeast of the country is the heart of wine production. Mainly French varietals are planted in Lebanon and they even began to apply wine laws, similar to France, to monitor and maintain quality of wine production.



## WINES OF TURKEY

Winemaking has taken place in Turkey for thousands of years, with the use of both native and international varietals. Turkey has named over 1200 varieties that grow in their soils; however there are only about 30 of those varietals that are in large production. Turkey has a temperate Mediterranean climate with hot summers and mild winters. Most winemaking activities are focused around the Western coast where the country is bordered by three seas that help mitigate the warm climate. While there is great potential in the wines we have yet to see many of the best examples here.



# Glossary

## WHITE WINE GRAPES OF GREECE

**Aidani** – EYE-than-eh. Mainly used as a blending grape with Assyrtiko and Athiri. It's a little floral and a bit fruity. That it is used almost exclusively as a blending grape should tell you everything.

**Assyrtiko** – ah-SEER-tea-koh. Greece's most celebrated white grape varietal, Assyrtiko is mostly produced on the Island of Santorini where volcanic soils and the sea greatly influence aroma and flavor. It has crazy high acidity and often a bit of salty pluck. It's also pretty awesome as a rule.

**Athiri** – ah-THEER-ee. Fresh and fruity with lemon zest, moderate acidity and minerality. It's usually blended with Assyrtiko and the pair makes refreshing, easy wines.

**Asproudes-** ah-Spro-w-days. Is actually plural for Asprouda, but there are many variations of Asprouda and they tend to be planted, harvested and vinified together. They usually make pretty light, fresh and vibrant young wines with lemony notes and show off a bit of minerality.

**Katsano/Gaidouria** – Always blended together, these two varietals make up less than 1% of wine production on the island of Santorini. Together they have floral notes, honeysuckle, and lemon blossom aromas.

**Lagorthi** – lah-GORE-thee. is a high acid white varietal that exhibits hints of white peach and fresh apples with hints of fresh basil and zippy citrus notes.



**Malagousia** – mah-lah-goo-zee-AAH. Malagousia is wildly aromatic with white flowers, citrus, and exotic fruits. The wines are full bodied with stunning silky texture. This varietal was almost extinct until Domaine Carras saved it in the 20th Century.

**Malvasia** – mahl-vah-ZEE-aah. Mainly used as a blending varietal where it provides aromas of pears and white flowers.

**Moschofilero** – MOH-skoh-FEE-leh-roh. Meaning “aromatic leaf” this pink skinned grape excites the senses with its intense floral notes; jasmine, violets, lilies, honeysuckle and rose.

**Retsina** – ret-SEE-nah. Retsina is a style of wine rather than a varietal. Roditis and Savatiano are the varieties most used in Retsina production. Traditionally, pine resin sealed the ceramic vessels used to store the wine. Today pine resin is intentionally added into the wine. Love it or hate it. There’s no real in between.

**Robola** – ruh-BOH-lah. Grown mainly on the Ionian Island outside of Peloponnese, Robola produces aromatic fresh wines with delicate citrus and mineral aromas.

**Roditis** – roh-VEE-tees. A pink skinned variety, producing full bodied wines with melon and apple aromas. Roditis wines have a sour citrus freshness and moderate acidity.

**Savatiano** – sah-vah-tea-ah-NO. An aromatically intense varietal with high fruit character and broad structure; it is mostly used in the production of Retsina for better or worse.

#### WHITE WINE GRAPES OF LEBANON

**Merwah** – MARE-wha Rich, nutty and low in acid. Merwah adds weight and complexity to the wines of Chateau Musar. Jancis Robinson believes it may be related to Semillon and she’s a smart lady, so I’d trust her.

**Obaideh** – oh-BAY-duh Believed by some to be the parent grape of Chardonnay brought to Europe by returning Crusaders. Likely untrue, but a cool story none the less.

#### WHITE WINE GRAPES OF TURKEY

**Emir** – EH-mehr. Translates to “ruler” and was so named for its popularity on the tables of great lords. It makes crisp refreshing whites.

**Narince** – nah-RIN-djeh. Translates to “delicate” or “fragile” this grape makes wines that are fresh and fruity with notes of orange, grapefruit, apple and lime.

#### RED WINE GRAPES OF GREECE

**Agiorgitiko** – ah-your-YEE-tea-koh. One of the most famous and important grapes in Greece. In Nemea they refer to it as the “blood of Hercules” as it is the wine Hercules supposedly got drunk enough on to fight and kill a lion. It has a wide array of styles; soft and silky, hard and tannic, mild, intense.....Agiorgitiko (along with Xinomavro) is what I would probably encourage spending the most time exploring.

**Kotsifali** – koh-tsee-FAH-lee. Pretty much a vague blending grape with notes of strawberry, spices and herbs. It is mostly blended with Mandilaria to add color, acidity and tannins.

**Krassato/Stavroto** – krah-SAH-toh/Staf-RAH-toh These two varietals are equally blended with Xinomavro in the appellation of Rapsani. The trio is beautifully matched and produces wines that are deep ruby in color with aromas of sundried cherries olives and tomatoes with hints of vanilla and spice.

**Limnio** – leem-NYO. An ancient grape varietal first mentioned in Homer's writings; it produces wines that bursts with fresh herbs and berries with moderate tannins and relatively low acidity.

**Mandilaria** – mahn-dee-lahr-YA. Mostly seen in blends, it used to add color, tannins and alcohol to the wine.

**Mavrodaphne** – mahv-roh-DAHF-nee. Or "black laurel" this grape originated on the Ionian Islands outside of the Peloponnese. This grape is mostly used in the production of sweet fortified wines. In red wine production it showcases wild berries, cherries, dark spices and rustic earthiness with fierce tannins.

**Mavrotragano** – mah-vroh-trah-gah-NOH. As little as 10 years ago the entire production of this grape was made into sweet late harvest wines. Now a few exciting winemakers are showcasing the deeply colored dry wines with velvety tannins, high minerality, and beautiful herbal flavors.

**Mavroudi** – mahv-rudy. is a thick skinned and intense red grape grown throughout Greece. Famous as the wine brave Ulysses used to intoxicate the Cyclops so he and his men could escape the clutches of the giant it creates very dark and robust reds.

**Moschomavro** – MOH-skoh-maah-vroh. Light in body with violet aromas and delicate mouth feel.

**Xinomavro** – ksee-NOH-mahv-roh. Translating to "acid black," (which will be my next band name) this variety is known for its aging potential and complex aromas with hints of dark fruit, olive, and mint. Noted for its pale red color, high acidity, strong tannin structure and potential for long aging.

## RED WINE GRAPES OF TURKEY

**Boğazkere** – Pronounced bow-AHHZ-keh-reh and translating to the super marketable phrase of "throat burner" it makes wines with dark fruits, moderate acidity and silly high levels of tannins. These are intense wines. It doesn't burn that bad. It's actually pretty tasty.

**Kalecik Karasi** – Pronounced KAH-le-djic Car-AH-sir and translated as "black from the small castle" because it is a black grape and comes from a town with a small castle. The flavors are more interesting than the translation with red cherry and raspberry, with a medium body and soft, fresh tannins.

**Öküzgözü** – Pronounced MOW-ter-hed and translated as "bullseye", this is the most planted red variety in Turkey in spite of being utterly impossible to pronounce. The wines are juicy, medium bodied, aromatic, with fresh acidity and soft tannins.