

# Alpha Estate Syrah Turtles

Category	Red
Grapes	100 % Syrah
Appellation	Florina (IGP)
Producer	Alpha Estate
Country	Greece
Region	Macédoine
Size	750 ml
Degree of alcohol	14 %
Serving temperature	16-18 °C
Available	British Columbia, Alberta

## Terroir

Amyndeon plateau. Amyndeon viticulture zone. North-western Macedonia. "Turtles" sub-region. 640-650 m altitude, with north-western exposure, facing mount Voras. 6gha of Linear, privately owned vineyard situated at an altitude of 620-710 m.

## Vinification and maturation

Destemming, no crushing, cold soak - skin contact under controlled conditions, alcoholic fermentation at gradual increasing temperatures, maintenance of wine "sur lies" for eight months with regular stirring. Twelve months in French, fine grain, medium toast oak casks and twelve months in the bottle.

## Features

Bright, deep ruby color. It has beautiful Syrah fruit silky and ripe. Rich and intricate bouquet, earthy, dominated by leather and cherry brandy aromas, with peppery and plummy background. Generous, full bodied, chewy, robust wine with a velvety taste. Vanilla, wood, mocha and toffee hints. Slightly tannic finish with long persistent aromas. Its potential complexity is under constant development. A "Vin de Garde" with a great future.

## Food Pairings

It fits ideally with a large range of meats, grill cooked fleshy mushrooms, well matured smooth cheese.

## Medals / Press reviews

Silver Medal: Mundus Vini 2017 // 90 Points - eRobertParker.com #218, Apr 2015 "The 2011 Syrah Turtles Vineyard was aged for 12 months in second-use French oak ... Quite beautifully crafted, this elegant Syrah is automatically moved to the top of the list as one of my favorite Syrahs from Alpha Estate. Silky in texture and laced with hints of Syrah funk, it is tightly wound and gripping on the palate, with a crisp and sunny demeanor. It is not very fleshy. Neither thick nor jammy, but rather subtly concentrated and perfectly balanced, it leans to the northern Rhone. The price is really nice, too. Drink: 2015 - 2024"

## Product codes

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