

# THE GREEK WINES OF M.S. WALKER

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## SAMOS GRAND CRU

AEGEAN ISLANDS

The Samos Cooperative has the honor of presiding over Greece's best known and most highly regarded appellation. The cooperative, Greece's oldest, has a mandate of preserving the island's reputation as the world's leading producer of muscat wines.

Vineyard locations on Samos begin at sea level and rise to 900 meters. This allows the winery to produce wines at a variety of quality levels. Low elevation grapes go into wines sold in bulk to off-island bottlers. The cooperative reserves the best grapes for its own wines, creating several distinct styles, each an original expression of Samos' famed muscat heritage.

### Grand Cru

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Cepage:	Muscat blanc a petits grains 100%
Viticulture:	Vines averaging 40 years of age on well-drained, north-facing mountainside terraces at 800-900 meter elevation. Pruned to 45 hl/ha.
Vinification:	Ripe, aromatic grapes are harvested from high altitude vineyards that produce low yields per acre and a sugar content of at least 252g/l. These grapes are destemmed and placed in pneumatic press. The free run juice is carefully fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The fermentation is arrested by the addition of 96% vinic alcohol added in proportion of 5-10%. The wine produced retains the sweetness of the unfermented sugar, the fine aroma of the grape and the fullness acquired during ripening.
Analysis:	Alcohol: 15 % pH: 3.4 gr/l Tartaric acid: 6.0 gr/l Res. sugar: 130 gr/l



**Samos Grand Cru** has a bright golden topaz color, primary and secondary aromas of exotic fruit, intense fruit palate, including flavors of peach, and a cleansing, tart finish. Unlimited aging potential.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Varietal</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>Max Discount</u>	
					<u>Case</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
467635	Gand Cru	12/375ml	184.00	-	184.00	15.33