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[Wine Tasting With Vinters From Greece, They're On Tour!](#)

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[Greece](#) is heading to [Cali](#)! At least experts from the wine world are. From June 4 through June 10, [Wines of Naoussa](#), Greece's principal wine region, will be on a promo tour visiting a total of



thirteen wineries in [San Diego](#), [Los Angeles](#) and [San Francisco](#) in an effort to learn and growth with America's thriving wine culture.

In recent years, wines from Greece are also experiencing a growing popularity, especially from wine lovers who are interested in indigenous grapes and authentic wines. The tour will highlight Greece's top red varietal, Xinomavro (Ksee-no-ma-vro). Greek winemakers such as Georgia Foundi and Yannis Pliatsikass will be on tour with other including:

Apostolos Thimiopoulos Vineyards – Known for their Ghi kai Uranos (Earth & Sky) wine. Their first release was with the 2004 vintage, now popular in both Greece and Europe.

Petros Karydas / Karydas Estate - Located in Ano Gastrao in Greece, the vineyard was planted in 1980 with a full-equipped winery that holds 15,000 bottles managed by Konstantinos Karydas and his son Petros. They aim to produce high-quality wines and are known for VQPRD Naoussa wine that is exported to four countries.

Vaeni Co-op - A co-operative with 200 experienced vine growers driven by their profound love for quality wines sourced from **Xinomavro**, an indigenous variety dominating northern Greece. Today the VAENI wines are exported to China, Russia, the USA, Canada, Kazakhstan, Australia, Dubai, N.Zealand, Japan, Ukraine, Belarus, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Poland, England, Serbia and Cyprus.

The vintners will be joined by special guest Panagiotis Tourkohoritis, Minister of Development for Greece and Thanasis Tamparopoulos, Novacert President.

If you're interested in getting mingling with these vintners, their schedule looks like this:

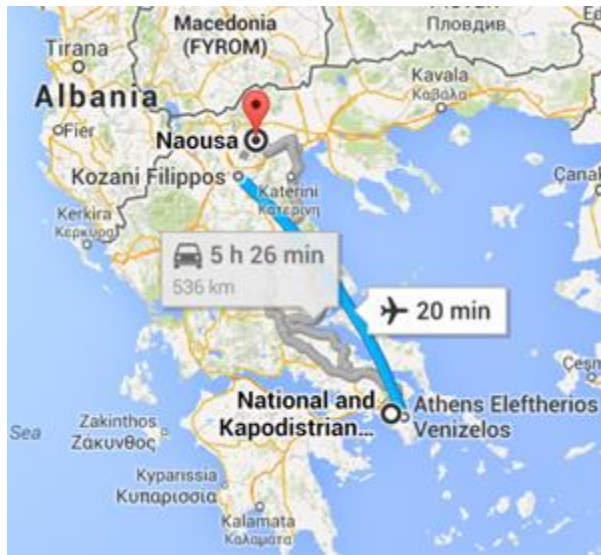
June 4th – Opening Gala of the **Los Angeles Greek Film Festival**.

June 5th – A trade events in Los Angeles at **Faith & Flower**.

June 8th – A few ducational events include a wine tasting for consumers, business and technology leaders at the **Four Seasons** hotel in San Francisco with hosts Edmond Krafchow, chairman of the board, and Kathy Ollerton, Executive Director of Charities, **Better Homes & Gardens Mason McDuffie Real Estate**. Event organizers are Christine Rios and Darryl Crawford, co-founders, **WineLuv**, the destination website that offers unique experiences for wine lovers.

June 9th - **La Folie** in San Francisco.





Naoussa Wines

Naoussa is located north of Athens, in one of the most beautiful regions of Macedonia on the eastern slopes of Mount Vernion, 58 miles west of Thessaloniki, one of the first AOC regions in Greece to produce full-bodied, well structured, age worthy red wines made from its native grape Xinomavro. The vineyards are located at an altitude of 1082 feet and are exposed to a Mediterranean climate with strong continental influences.

