



CHORTES 1997 Aged Sweet Red Wine

Vintage:	1997
Production:	300 bottles
Producer:	Mercouri Estate Korakohori Ilias, Peloponnese
Wine maker:	Dimitris Skafidas
Varietal composition	Mavrodaphne, Corinthian Currant
Alcohol content:	14.5% vol
Vineyard:	The vineyard at Korakohori is near ancient Olympia on the western coast of the Peloponnese and composed of sandy clay.
Yield:	20 hl per ha.
Harvesting:	Hand picked and selected grapes only. Sundried for 10 days.
Vinification:	Fermented in tank with extended lees contact. Fermentation is arrested by the addition of pure grape spirit from Corinthian Currant.
Cask composition and ageing	5 years in new French oak. Bottled and released in 2002.
Tasting note:	This spectacular, sweet red wine is a blend of sundried Mavrodaphne and a small amount of Corinthian currants. Rich yet utterly pure, powerful yet perfectly balanced it reveals layer after layer of complex flavours and runs exactly poised to a long and smooth finish. Ageing potential of 20 years+.
Food matching:	An excellent accompaniment to puddings or Roquefort or foie gras.
Chemical analysis:	Residual sugar 100g/l

