

HATZIS WINERY

Amyndeon, Greece



Products

The Hatzis family settled in Amyndeon right after 1830, when Ioannis (Hatzis) Nikodimos came to Amyndeon from Vrahni, Kalavryta as a refugee. He was employed in Amyndeon in the transport and commerce industry. This was also the case for his sons, grandsons and so on. The Hatzis family exported and sold Amyndeon's wine (and tsipouro) to Monastiri and even as far north as Belgrade and to the Austro-Hungarian Empire as well. When Amyndeon was connected through a railway network in 1893-94 to Monastiri and Thessaloniki, Nikodimos's grandson Stavros Hatzis and his brothers established the hotel "Grand Hellas" in Amyndeon. Starting their business network from this hotel, they constructed a group of companies, including more than 30 hectares of vines. The wines from these vines were aged in oak barrels in stone-made cellars in the basement of the hotel. They also bought wine from local vigneron for commercial and trade purposes. During the First World War, the Hatzis Family lived only on these wines because the French army had turned the hotel into a Serbian military hospital and all other business activities had ceased. Hatzis's companies continued to exist until almost the Second World War, when they failed mainly from internal reasons. In 2000, Stavros Hatzis's grand-grandson, Ioannis Hatzis (Seventh generation) came back to the family roots, making a winery in an old family vineyard.

