



## 2017 Muses Estate Mouhtaro

**Rating**

90

**Release Price**

\$17

**Drink Date**

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2020, The Wine Advocate**Producer:** Muses Estate**From:** Greece , Central Greece ,  
Thivaikos**Color:** Red**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Mouhtaro

The 2017 Mouhtaro, a rare grape, was aged for 12 months in 20% new French oak and comes in at 13.4% alcohol. Completely different from the other reds, this is sharp and acidic, with a leaner and less oaky demeanor (although there is some vanilla). It's laced with plums but always supported by that big acidity. This is my favorite of the winery's submissions, but I would add a couple of caveats. First, it is very different, thanks to the sharpness. It won't be everyone's favorite. Second, this really requires a proper food pairing. Then, it will always show better. Third, it might actually need another year or so in the cellar, although the tannins are not particularly hard. It will be interesting to see how it develops. If it does, it might be entitled to an uptick in score. It is more than a curiosity, and the price is certainly right for those with an urge to experiment.