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### Santorini & The Aegean

photographic exhibition from the book 'Images of an enchanted land' by Robert A. McCabe illustrating Santorini between the years of 1954-1965, held at nomikos conference center ...

## Art Space Argyros Canava : Exhibition

### **Art Exhibition housed in an Old Wine Canava**

Art Space Exhibition is housed in an old Santorini cave house wine cellar and old wine distillery in Exo Gonia. A harmonious coexistence of history and the tradition of winemaking, it marries the Art of Yesterday with the Art of Today.

Art Space, a Cultural Center for Contemporary Art, started out with one dream; to protect history, save tradition and promote Art. The visitor of Art Space has the opportunity to choose among significant works of art by Greek as well as foreign artists, and to buy wines produced at the winery.

### **Art Space : a Cultural Center for Contemporary Art**

Art Space did not start out with the common ambitions of a Gallery. Nor did it follow the safe path of a typical Museum. Most important of all, it has not stopped the production of wine and tsikoudia (Greek Grappa).

### **The History & The Making**

The earthquake in 1956 and the urbanism that followed it led the island to desertion. The old estate gave in to time, while tourism induced new dynamics.

The space gave off such an evocative simplicity that all choices looked self-evident. The traces of the past had to be preserved, as they were an invaluable bequest for the future. The decision was to combine both in an original way. The wine would continue to be wafting through the space with its aroma. The marcs would continue to be distilled in the old distillery. The old tools remained in their place to remind the visitor of the old craftsmanship. Everything is as it used to be but with a sense of continuity.

In 1999, Art Space was ready to sail on its new route. Antonios Argyros of Nikolaos renovated the place with total respect to its original form. The Winery went back to operation and it "set sail" for a new journey.

More than 250 top Greek and foreign artists entrusted it with their works and the underground areas were inundated with colour and artistic figures. Thousands of visitors have come through its heavy doors to come across a Santorini that does not rest in the glory of its unique beauty, or in the self-complacency of its past; a Santorini that inspires artists and, at the same time, hosts Art in all its forms.

### **How to Get There**

There are buses leaving for Kamari from Fira the capital via Messaria village. You will find the exhibition on the road to Kamari on the right hand side. Look for the signpost. (Alternatively, if you are staying in Kamari, the return bus to Fira will also drop you off. Ask for Exo Gonia bus stop)



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