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Lyrarakis

Crete

Assyrtiko Voila Vineyard



Grower

Lyrarakis was established in 1966 by the brothers Manolis and Sotiris Lyrarakis and is now run by the second generation of the family. The winery is in the mountainous commune of Alagni, 440 metres above sea level, south of Heraklion in central Crete. The family has devoted itself to reviving rare, almost extinct Cretan varieties such as Dafni, Plyto and Melissaki. Soils are predominantly loam, with more sand or clay depending on the site, and the family's vineyards have been farmed organically since 2020. Winemaker Myriam Ambuzer looks for precision, purity and a supple texture.

Vineyards

The Lyrarakis family began working in East Crete in the 1970s, first in the Voila plain near Sitia and later in the surrounding areas, finding sites where Assyrtiko thrives. The Voila vineyard lies at 580 metres on loam soil with a north-easterly aspect. The vines are head trained, spur pruned and not irrigated.

Vinification

Hand harvested into small boxes. Part of the crop has a period of skin contact before pressing, and the free-run juice ferments spontaneously in stainless steel tanks.

Style

A crisp, full-flavoured dry white with a salty freshness and a long mineral finish. Best within 3 to 6 years of the vintage. Serve at 12 to 14°C with fish, shellfish or pork.

Grape varieties:
100% Assyrtiko

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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