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Lyrarakis

Crete

Dafni White Psarades 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 Dafni variety was saved from extinction by the Lyrarakis family, who first planted it in their Psarades vineyard at Alagni in 1992. Its name comes from the Greek for laurel, or bay, which its aromas resemble. The vineyard lies at 480 metres on clay loam with a slightly north-easterly aspect. The vines are cordon trained, spur pruned and not irrigated.

Vinification

Hand harvested. The grapes are destemmed and crushed and given a short skin contact, then the free-run juice ferments spontaneously in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine is matured on its lees before bottling.

Style

A dry white with a distinctive herbal character, a round, savoury palate, balanced acidity and an intense aromatic finish. Best within 3 to 6 years of the vintage. Serve at 10°C with small fried fish, seafood, white meat or herb pies.

Grape varieties:
100% Dafni

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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