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Lyrarakis

Crete

Kotsifali Red PGI "Queen"

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

Kotsifali is one of the queens of the Cretan grape varieties. The fruit comes from vineyards in the Heraklion area of central Crete at 500 metres, on loamy sand with a north-easterly aspect. The vines are head trained, spur pruned and not irrigated.

Vinification

Hand harvested, with the picking date set by tasting the berries. Part of the crop has a cool maceration before fermentation, which takes place with indigenous yeasts and malolactic bacteria in stainless steel tanks at 20 to 28°C.

Style

A medium-bodied, savoury red with smooth tannins, juicy acidity and a long finish. Best within 3 to 6 years of the vintage. Serve at 16 to 17°C with Mediterranean dishes, roast meat or spicy cheeses.

Grape varieties:
100% Kotsifali

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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