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Lyrarakis

Crete

Liatiko 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

Liatiko is one of the queens of the Cretan grape varieties. The fruit comes from non-irrigated, well-adapted vines in Sitia, East Crete, at 580 metres and in Rethymno, central Crete, at 850 metres, on loam soils facing north. The vines are head trained and spur pruned, and give low yields.

Vinification

Hand harvested, then a gentle maceration of several days. Fermentation with indigenous yeasts and malolactic bacteria in stainless steel tanks. The wine rests on its lees and is stabilised naturally, with no fining and no cold treatment.

Style

A light, juicy red with fine tannins and fresh acidity. Best within 3 to 6 years of the vintage. Serve at 15°C with pizza, pasta or fish in tomato sauce, or moussaka.

Grape varieties:
100% Liatiko

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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