THORMAN HUNT

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Lyrarakis

Crete

Thrapsathiri White Armi 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

In the Cretan dialect, Armi means the top of a mountainside, where cooling northerly sea breezes create a microclimate that allows Thrapsathiri to express its full aromatic potential. The vineyard lies at 500 metres on sandy clay facing north. The vines are cordon trained, spur pruned and not irrigated.

Vinification

Hand harvested, sometimes in several passes, with the picking dates set by tasting the berries. After a short skin contact, part of the free-run juice ferments and matures for a few months in old oak barrels and the rest in stainless steel, with indigenous yeasts and bacteria in both.

Style

A fresh, balanced dry white with a round texture, a gentle creaminess from the barrels and an elegant, lingering finish. It ages well; best within 3 to 6 years of the vintage. Serve at 10 to 12°C with seafood, risotto, white meat or cheese.

Grape varieties:
100% Thrapsathiri

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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