THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Lyrarakis

Crete

Vidiano White 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

Vidiano is one of the queens of the Cretan grape varieties. The fruit comes from vineyards in the Heraklion area of central Crete at 550 metres, on clay soils with a north-westerly aspect. The vines are cordon trained, spur pruned and not irrigated.

Vinification

Hand harvested. The grapes are destemmed and lightly crushed and given a short skin contact, then the free-run juice ferments at a cool temperature in stainless steel tanks.

Style

A juicy, full-textured dry white with good acidity and a slightly mineral finish. Best enjoyed young, within 1 to 3 years of the vintage. Serve at 10 to 12°C with seafood, meat in creamy sauces or Mediterranean vegetable dishes.

Grape varieties:
100% Vidiano

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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