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Lyrarakis

Crete

Vilana White Pirovolikes 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 Pirovolikes vineyard in the Panorama area, regarded as one of the finest sites in Heraklion, is planted with Vilana and still pruned in the traditional bush vine form. It lies at 650 metres on a rocky slope of loam soil facing east to south east, and is not irrigated.

Vinification

The grapes are crushed as whole bunches and the free-run juice ferments with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel. The wine then matures for several months in used French oak, acacia and Caucasian oak barrels of different sizes, where malolactic fermentation takes place naturally. It is stabilised naturally, with no fining and no cold treatment.

Style

A balanced, full-bodied dry white of real concentration, with crisp natural acidity, gentle spice from the barrels and a mineral finish. Best within 3 to 6 years of the vintage. Serve at 11 to 13°C with fish, seafood or white meat.



Grape varieties:
100% Vilana

Bottling options:
75cl

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans

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