

THORMAN HUNT

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Lyrarakis, Crete

Kotsifali

Grower

The Lyrarakis estate is a family vineyard and winery which has been producing high quality wines since 1966. Lyrarakis has devoted itself to the revival of indigenous, almost extinct, rare varieties such as Dafni, Plyto, Melissaki and others, vinifying wines that highlight their unique and distinctive character. Lyrarakis is located in the mountainous commune of Alagni (440 metres above sea-level), south of the city of Heraklion, in Crete. The soils are predominantly loam with either more sand or clay depending on the vineyard site. In charge of winemaking, is Myriam Ambuzer who has been vital in securing Lyrarakis a place in the elite wineries of Greece. Her philosophy emphasises precision, purity and supple texture of the fruit.

Vineyards

Region: Alagni area, Central Crete. Soil: Loamy Sand. Aspect: Northeast. Vines: Head trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 500m above sea level. Irrigation: Not irrigated. Yield: 9,5 tn/ha.

Vinification

Hand-harvested. Exact harvest time defined by berry sensory assessment to obtain the optimum flavour and aromatic balance. Fermentation with maceration on the skins for 7 days. Temperature controlled fermentation between 250 and 280 C.

Style

Bright, mid ruby colour, An aromatic nose of red cherries and zesty dark fruits with a touch of spice. Dense and savoury palate with fruity tannins, juicy acidity and a slightly piquant finish.



Grape varieties:

100% Kotsifali

Vegetarian: yes

Vegan: yes

Bottling options: 75cl

Closure: cork

