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Lyrarakis, Crete

Liastos Sun Dried Sweet Wine

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 and Panorama areas, central Crete. Soil: Clay-loam. Aspect: Varied (North, Northeast). Vines: Cordon trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 480-600m above sea level. Irrigation: Not irrigated. Yield: 8 tn/ha.

Vinification

This sweet "Liasstos" wine is a blend of local grapes that sun-dry (7 days in the shadow and 2 days under direct sunlight), giving us a concentrated juice with density of aromas and taste. The wine has been aged in 225lt oak barrels for 12 months.

Style

Clear golden colour. Intense deep bouquet of ripe peach and apricot combined by delicious overtones of marmalade and honey flavours. Rich mouthfeel with bright citrus acidity and a long aromatic aftertaste. This wine has an excellent bottle-ageing potential that can overpass 10 years.



Grape varieties:

Plyto 5%, Assyrtiko 5%,
Thrapsathiri 12%, Dafni 16%,
Vilana 37%, Vidiano 25%

Vegetarian: yes

Vegan: yes

Bottling options: 37.5cl

Closure: cork

