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Lyrarakis, Crete

Liatiko Red IGP



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: Rethymno, central Crete & Sitia, east Crete. Soil: Sandy loam. Aspect: North Vines: Head trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 580-800m above sea level. Irrigation: Not irrigated. Yield: 5 tn/ha.

Vinification

The non-irrigated and well acclimated vines of Liatiko in the regions of Sitia and Rethymno, provide low yields and high quality grapes. Hand-harvested during the first week of September. Fermentation was achieved in a stainless steel tank at 23°C after a 5-day maceration for colour extraction.

Style

Light ruby-red color. Impressive aromas of wild berries and red fruit liqueur, with hints of herbal and spicy flavours. Balanced and fresh on the palate, with fine tannins and an expressive juicy finish.

Grape varieties:

100% Liatiko

Vegetarian: yes

Vegan: yes

Bottling options: 75cl

Closure: cork

