

# THORMAN HUNT

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## Lyrarakis, Crete

### Liatiko Rosé Kedros Vineyard



#### 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: Gerakari, Amari area, Rethymnon, Crete Soil: Loam. Aspect: North. Vines: Head trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 850m above sea level. Irrigation: Not Irrigated. Yield: 5 tn/ha

#### Vinification

As the foothills of Mount Kedros, in order to protect their fruit, farmers have a tradition to keep a low bush vine format on shoots spreading over the soil, under the rich foliage. Protected from Mt. Psiloritis' winds and the strong Cretan sunshine on altitudes exceeding 800m, this pre-phylloxera Liatiko has been grown there for over a century. The harvest took place in mid August. Directly from the press, the free run juice was led for a natural settling down. 10% of the wine was aged in 225lt oak barrels for 2 months. Only yeast derivatives were applied for the stability and natural fining of the wine.

#### Style

This rosé is the rebirth of the grapes under a new face, a wine with pale salmon colour and a steely mouth, characteristic of the firmness of its origin. Fruity aromas of several types of berries are perfectly balanced with a sense of chalkiness and notes of winter flowers. The mouth is long with a vibrant acidity underlined by notes of minerality and an intense fruity finish.

#### Grape varieties:

100% Liatiko

**Vegetarian:** yes

**Vegan:** yes

**Bottling options:** 75cl

**Closure:** cork

