

# THORMAN HUNT

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## Lyrarakis, Crete

### Thrapsathiri Armi 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: "Armi" vineyard, Douli area, central Crete. Soil: Sandy clay. Aspect: Northeast. Vines: Cordon trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 500m above sea level. Irrigation: Not irrigated. Yield: 5 tn/ha

#### Vinification

The vineyard is located at Douli village in terraces with sandy-clay soil with a great amount of sea shells. The grapes are hand harvested during the first week of September. They have minimal skin contact and the free run juice is settled before barrel fermentation in 2 and 3 year old French and American oak. The malolactic fermentation lasted approximately 1 month and the wine matured in oak for a total of 3 months.

#### Style

Pale straw-yellow colour. Intense aromas of stone fruits are coupled with spices and a touch of dried herbs and florals. The palate is round which features white peach including creamy and spicy notes and a nice aromatic finish.



#### Grape varieties:

100% Thrapsathiri

**Vegetarian:** yes

**Vegan:** yes

**Bottling options:** 75cl

**Closure:** cork

