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## Lyrarakis, Crete

### Vidiano PGI 'Queen'

#### **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: Heraklion area, central Crete. Soil: Clay-loam. Aspect: North. Vines: Cordon trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 450m above sea level. Irrigation: Not irrigated. Yield: 9 tn/ha.

#### **Vinification**

Harvested by hand during the last weeks of August. The grapes were destemmed and then subjected to a 24h skin contact at 10°C. The free run juice was led into stainless steel tank where it was fermented at 15-17°C for 16 days. The wine went through spontaneous malolactic fermentation.

#### **Style**

Pale mid straw colour. Attractive aromas of tropical peach notes, nectarine and citrus with hints of florals. The palate is fresh, vibrant and full textured with a juicy mouthfeel and mineral notes in the finish.

Grape varieties: 100% Vidiano Vegetarian: yes Vegan: yes

**Bottling options:** 75cl

Closure: cork

