

THORMAN HUNT

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Lyrarakis, Crete

Vilana Porovolikes 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: "Pirovolikes" vineyard, Panorama area, central Crete. Soil: Loam. Aspect: East. Vines: Head trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 650m above sea level. Irrigation: Not irrigated. Yield: 6 tn/ha.

Vinification

The 30-year-old bush vines in Pirovolikes vineyard produce grapes with significant high natural acidity and aromatic concentration that is extracted by a skin contact of 16 hours. The must is fermented in both stainless steel and oak for 20 days at 19 °C. 35% of the wine went through malolactic fermentation. The wine matured in 500lt, 400lt and 225lt new and re-used French, Acacia and Caucasian oak for 4 months.

Style

Pale yellow-straw colour. Aromas of minerals and slate on the nose, along with some wet earth, notes of saline and Mediterranean mist, full of orange blossom and herbs with nice spice from the oak. Fresh, full flavoured mouth-filling palate with crispy acidity, underlined by a long fruity and slightly creamy aftertaste.



Grape varieties:

100% Vilana

Vegetarian: yes

Vegan: yes

Bottling options: 75cl

Closure: cork

