

THORMAN HUNT

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Lyrarakis, Crete

Vilana



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: Alagni area, Central Crete. Soil: Loam. Aspect: North. Vines: Head trained, spur pruned. Altitude: 500m above sea level. Not irrigated. Yield: 8.5 tn/ha.

Vinification

Harvested by hand. The grapes were de-stemmed without being crushed and then subjected to a short skin contact. Fermentation was achieved in a stainless steel tank at 16-18°C. Furthermore, 65% of the wine went through malolactic fermentation.

Style

Citrus aromas, such as grapefruit and tangerine peel, are nicely combined with white-fleshed fruit and hints of frozen tropical fruit yogurt. The palate is juicy and soft-bodied with a vibrant acidity and a delicious finish.

Grape varieties:

100% Vilana

Vegetarian: yes

Vegan: yes

Bottling options: 75cl

Closure: cork

