



LYRARAKIS

Crete | Greece

THE STORY

Lyrarakis Winery, located in the mountainous region of Alagni in central Crete, is a benchmark producer known for its dedication to indigenous grape varieties and its pivotal role in the modern revival of Cretan viticulture. Founded in 1966 and still family-run, the estate has become internationally respected for its focus on high-altitude, single-varietal expressions and site-specific bottlings.

The Lyrarakis vineyards sit at elevations between 400-800 metres above sea level, benefiting from significant diurnal shifts and cooling Aegean breezes—helping to preserve acidity and aromatic precision. The winery cultivates a range of native grapes including Vidiano, Vilana, Mandilari, Kotsifali, and Plytó, as well as the once nearly extinct varieties Dafni and Melissaki, which Lyrarakis has played a key role in rescuing and reintroducing.

Vinification combines modern technology with a light-touch, terroir-driven philosophy. Whites are typically fermented in stainless steel to retain varietal purity, while select cuvées see time in oak for added texture and complexity. Reds are vinified with a focus on balance and varietal clarity, often undergoing gentle extraction and aging in neutral barrels or amphorae.

All of the wines are marked by freshness, typicity, and a clear sense of place, offering insight into Crete's diverse terroir and historic varieties.

WINES

Assyrtiko 'Voila' Vineyard

Type	White	Vintage	2023
Alc.	13%		

Dafni Psarades Vineyard

Type	White	Vintage	2023
Alc.	12.5%		

Vidiano Ippodromos Vineyard

Type	White	Vintage	2023
Alc.	13%		

Liatiko Aggelis Vineyard

Type	Red	Vintage	2021
Alc.	13.5%		

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