



# The Daily Drinker

2016 Plyto, Lyrarakis

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**Wine Variety:** It seems Plyto's origins lie in the island of Crete where it was all-but saved from extinction by the firm of Lyrarakis, which planted 4 acres of vines at altitude - 400 metres - on the island. Total global plantings amount to somewhere between 5 and 7 hectares, all on Crete.

**Wine Region:** The wines of Candia (as Crete was then known, as a part of the Republic of Venice) were especially popular in the Middle Ages. Crete's a big place: the main grape-growing area lies near Heraklion and is the second biggest vineyard area in the whole country. Many vineyards here are at altitude, up to almost 900 metres above sea level.

**Wine Producer:** Lyrarakis was founded in 1966 and has long been a champion of obscure local varieties (this is the third Lyrarakis wine that The Daily Drinker has purchased this year - try the white **Dafni** and the red **Kotsifali**). There are stone wine presses dating from the 14th century around the winery which only just scratches the surface of the wine growing history on the island.

Single Bottle **£11.75**

member price: £10.58

Six Bottle Case **£70.50**

member price: £63.45



**Style:**

Dry White - rich



**Grape Variety:**

Plyto



**Producer:**

Lyrarakis



**Serving Temperature:**

11°C



**Alcohol Content:**

13%



**Country:**

Greece



**Appellation:**

*not specified*



**Drink By:**

2019



**Bottle Size:**

75cl



**Region:**

Crete



**Colour:**

Still White



**Food:**

Aperitif  
Canapés  
Cheese  
Fish  
Salads



**Tasting Notes:**

A very pale wine that demonstrates perfectly the benefits of allowing a white wine to warm slightly after its removal from the fridge. From a rather undemonstrative cold-start it starts opening into something really characterful. Beautiful scents and flavours of ripe apples mix with the spice and a herbal lick. The palate is fresh and has something almost a touch tannic about it. Is it a little saline too? This is exciting stuff from Lyrarakis. A *rara avis* of a grape being shown off full well.

**#3wordtastingnote:** scented, apple, fresh

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