



Lyrarakis Wines

Crete

This month we're introducing one of our newer suppliers, Lyrarakis Wines from Crete; we first listed one of their wines in January 2018.

Location: Alagni, south of Heraklion, Crete

Established: 1966

Grape Varieties: Syrah, Plyto, Cabernet, Dafni, Merlot, Vilana and Kotsifali. And sourced from other local growers, Mandalair, Assyrtiko, Vidiano, Thrapsathiri, Liatiko, Melissaki and Muscat of Spina.

Vineyard Area: 15 hectares

Soils: Gravelly soils on a limestone base

Altitude: Average altitude of 550 metres (mountainous region)

Ownership? We are a family business established in 1966.

Wines? Our range currently consists of 11 single vineyard wines, three single varietals and three blends.

What is distinctive about your wines/your estate? We focus largely on rare indigenous varietals and are particularly keen to champion single area wines where we know the exact location and microclimate in which the vines thrive. *[Music to our ears here at The Daily Drinker!]*

Visitors allowed? Yes! We're open April until October. To book visit: www.lyrarakis.com/en/visit-us

Interesting fact? We're particularly proud to have been instrumental in saving Plyto grape from extinction; we started planting it in the '90s.

Favourite food match for 2016 Plyto Lyrarakis?

Sea bream stuffed with lemon slices and a handful of fresh parsley and oregano, wrapped in buttered foil and cooked on the BBQ.