

AYRARAKIS SYMBOLO RED 2019

PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL
INDICATION CRETE

Dry Red Wine



Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.4%
Acidity: 6.15 g/l
pH: 3.5
Res. Sugar: 2.94 g/l

Vineyard/Viticulture

Region: Asterousia area (Mandilari from Karkadiotisa area), Central Crete
Soil: Clay (Sandy loam with a good amount of stone for Mandilari)
Aspect: Northeast
Vines: Cordon trained, spur pruned (head trained for Mandilari)
Altitude: 450-500m above sea level
Irrigation: Based on the principles of regulated deficit irrigation
Yield: 5.5 tn/ha
Varieties: Syrah 77%, Mandilari 21%, Vidiano 2%

Wine making

Hand-harvested in 15kg boxes. Thorough selection of grapes followed by soft destemming. Classic red vinification, fermentation-extraction lasted 7 days at temperatures between 25-32°C. The wine was aged in new and 2-year-old oak barrels for 18 months. (25% American oak, 75% French oak)

Tasting Note

Deep ruby-red colour. Clean, aromatic and high-toned nose of dark berries, red cherries, spice, pepper and a hint of apricot and lavender. Balanced and savoury palate of blackberry fruit and cherry oak with lovely mouthfeel, good structure and an incredibly long finish. A seductive wine with lots of potential.

Food matches

Serve this wine with juicy steaks, slow-smoked ribs, or with Parmigiano veal. Serve at 16-17°C.

Awards

Vintage 2017

2021 Decanter WWA, Bronze medal
2021 Thessaloniki International Wine Competition, Bronze medal
2021 JancisRobinson.com, 17+ points

Vintage 2014

2020 Wine Advocate Magazine, eRobertParker.com, 90+ points
2019 TEXSOM, Bronze medal
2018 JancisRobinson.com, 17+ points

Vintage 2012

2018 Wine&Spirits Magazine, 90 points – Year's Best Greek Wines
2017 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, Gold medal

Vintage 2008

2012 China Wine Awards, Double Gold medal
2012 San Francisco International Wine Competition, Silver medal
2015 Thessaloniki International Wine Competition, Silver medal
2015 Tasted Blind, 90 points
2013 Wine Advocate Magazine, eRobertParker.com, 89 points
2013 International Wine & Spirit Competition, Bronze medal

Vintage 2005

2012 JancisRobinson.com, 16,5+ points
2009 Wine & Spirits Magazine, 90 points
2009 Decanter World Wine Awards, Silver medal
2009 Challenge International du Vin, Bronze medal