

LYRARAKIS LIATIKO AGGELIS 2021

PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL
INDICATION CRETE

Dry Red Wine



Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.5%
Acidity: 4.8 g/l
PH: 3.66
Res. Sugar: 1.98 g/l

Vineyard/ Viticulture

Region: Aggelis Vineyard, Sitia, East Crete
Soil: Loam
Aspect: No
Vines: Head trained, spur pruned
Altitude: 580m above sea level
Irrigation: Not irrigated
Yield: 4.5tn/ha
Varieties: Liatiko 100%

Winemaking

The "Aggelis" vineyard, planted in the 1930s, with own-rooted Liatiko vines, highlights the authenticity and wealth of Eastern Crete. The low yields lead to small grapes of exceptional high intensity of flavour. Harvesting was performed in two passes over 10 days, based on analysis and flavour profile. Fermentation by indigenous yeasts and malolactic bacteria. One third of the bunches were fermented whole in small oak tank and barrels. The wine had a 12 days maceration, prior to maturation in inox and oak (40% of the wine matured for 1 month in new oak barrels). Respect to natural micro-flora that defines each vintage character, results in a rare, self-sufficient wine. This wine is also made with no temperature control for fermentation, no fining, no cold treatments and is bottled unfiltered. Also, SO₂ in the bottled wine is in low concentration (less than 50 ppm).

Tasting Note

Ruby colour. Aromas of berry fruits marmalade and cherry with sweet spicy notes in the bouquet. Balanced with firm acidity. The mouthfeel is fruit-driven with some mixed berries and a touch of sweet oak while the tannins are nicely structured. A wine of good length and persistence with lots of potential (expected to be impressive in 2028).

Food matches

All grilled food and savoury dishes from Greek and Mediterranean cuisine like octopus or hare stew. Serve at 15°C-16°C.

Awards

Vintage 2020

2022 JancisRobinson.com, 17+ points

Vintage 2019

2021 JancisRobinson.com, 17 points

2021 Decanter World Wine Awards, Silver medal

Vintage 2018

2021 Wine Enthusiast, 91 points

2020 wineanorak.com, 93 points

2020 JancisRobinson.com, 17++ points

2020 Wine Advocate Magazine,

eRobertParker.com, 90 points

Vintage 2017

2020 Wine Advocate Magazine,

eRobertParker.com, 90 points

2019 wineanorak.com, 91 points

2019 JancisRobinson.com, 17++ points

Vintage 2016

2018 JancisRobinson.com, 17+ points

Vintage 2015

2017 JancisRobinson.com, 17,5 points