



KIR·YIANNI

KTIMA KIR-YIANNI 2012



Name: KTIMA KIR-YIANNI 2012

Type: Dry red

Category: PGI Imathia

Origin: Block selection within the Kir-Yianni Estate (Ktima) vineyards in Naoussa, Greece

Varieties: Xinomavro 50%, Merlot 30%, Syrah 20%

Cellaring: 14 months in 225 and 500 lit barrels, plus 6 more months in bottle prior to release

Aging potential: 10-12 years

Character: Balanced and highly concentrated, Ktima Kir-Yianni combines the typical expressions of the three main varieties of the Estate (Ktima) in Yianakohori. A wine that continues a great legacy, ideal for pairings with a wide range of dishes based on meat.

Packaging: 750 ml, 1500 ml, 3000 ml, 5000 ml

Vineyard

The vineyards have an overall southeast exposure at an altitude of 230-320 m. The estate is divided in thirty distinct parcels of different mesoclimate, which is a function of varying orientation, inclination, and soil type. Silt, loam, and clay are all found in different ratios depending on the vineyard block, each of which is farmed accordingly. Precipitation is abundant during winter and spring, but the summer is usually so dry that minimal drip irrigation is applied to prevent heat-induced stress. The density of the vines ranges from 3.500 to 4.000 per hectare and the average crop yield is maintained below 2.5 kg per vine.

The grapes used for the production of Ktima Kir-Yianni are selected from vineyard blocks showing special characteristics: light soils, high canopy, rich water table, low yields.

Vinification

The grapes are handpicked and placed on a sorting table before crush. After a 3-4 day period of cold soaking at 10-12° C, the must of each variety undergoes fermentation at controlled temperatures of 26-27° C. Malolactic fermentation takes place in inox tanks. (In order to highlight the aromatic profile of the three varieties of the blend, the berries are destemmed and then transferred into the tanks unbroken). In early January, the new wine is put for further aging into oak barrels. The final blend is composed after the wines have aged for six months. The final wine is minimally fined and unfiltered.

Technical analysis

Alcoholic volume: 14.5 %

Total acidity: 5.7 g/lit

Active acidity (pH): 3.48

Residual sugar: 3.3 g/lit

Winemaker notes

Intense aromas of cherry and strawberry on a background of dried fruits and vanilla. The mouth, round and soft, offers interchanging layers of fruity and oaky flavors as the wine evolves in the glass. The distinct freshness of the wine underpins its aromatic complexity and highlights the spicy notes of the Syrah that add intensity to the lingering aftertaste.

