



KIR·YIANNI

KTIMA KIR-YIANNI 2014



Name: KTIMA KIR-YIANNI - YIANAKOHOHI HILLS 2014

Type: Dry red

Category: PGI Imathia

Origin: Block selection within the private vineyards in Yianakohori, NW 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. Because the aim is 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: 13,8 %
Volatile acidity: 0.64 g/lit
Total acidity: 5.4 g/lit
Active acidity (pH): 3.58
Residual sugar: 3.0 g/lit
Free / Total sulfites: 20 / 89 mg/lit

Tasting note

Produced in a very difficult vintage, Ktima Kir-Yianni 2014 is made from the best grapes of Ktima in Naoussa. Complex red fruit aromas lie on a background of coffee, cocoa, bread crust and vanilla from oak maturation. On the palate it is soft, with discrete tannins, balanced acidity and a lingering aftertaste enhanced with elegant earthy notes.

