

## BLE TRACTER Rosé 2023

Variety: Merlot (100%)

Type: Dry rosé wine/ Vegan certified

Appellation: PGI Macedonia



### THE INSPIRATION

The small blue tractor (pronounced “Ble Tracter” in Greek) used by Yiannis Boutaris during the first vine plantings in Naoussa in 1970s, has inspired the name of this wine. With respect and firsthand experience of the dedication and hard work required (*virtus et labor*), KIR-YIANNI pays a tribute to Greek Vine Growers, as well as to the value of collaboration, a principle championed by the Estate from the very beginning.

### VINEYARD

From collaborating vine growers’ vineyards located at selected regions of Central and Western Macedonia in Northern Greece, like Imathia, Pella and Goumenissa. Since our founding year in 1997, we foster longstanding cooperation with local vine growers, transferring know-how and supporting their efforts all-year-round. Our goal is to contribute to the preservation of unique viticultural traditions and to offer incentives to younger generations to carry on this precious heritage.

### WINEMAKING

The hand-harvested grapes are rigorously sorted on conveyor belt. Cold soaking. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures and periodical lees stirring (batonnage).

Alcohol by volume (ABV): 13.5%	Total acidity (TA): 4.6 gr/lt
pH: 3.52	Residual sugars (RS): 1.9 gr/lt

### TASTING NOTE

Bright salmon pink color. The nose is vibrant and fruit forward, with cherries and plums, Medium-bodied with a crisp mouthfeel and a touch of smooth tannins. Reinvigorating finish.

An ideal choice to enjoy by the glass, as well as to accompany a variety of Mediterranean flavors. Try it next to green salad with spinach, beetroots and pomegranate, tomatoes stuffed with rice or minced meat, salmon pomodoro pasta, tomato-basil risotto, feta and soft cheeses, veggie skewers, charcuterie.