

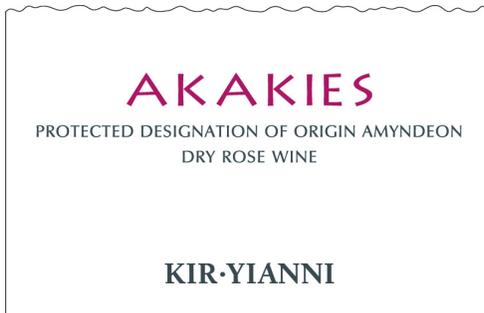
# Kir-Yianni

## Akakies Rosé, Xinomavro



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Kir-Yianni was established in 1997 by Yiannis Boutaris, one of the leading figures in the Greek wine industry. Kir-Yianni, “Sir John” in Greek, is best known for producing premium Xinomavro from the slopes of Mt. Vermio in Northwestern Greece.

Today, Stelios Boutaris, son of Yiannis, actively manages the winery and their two 30+ year-old estate vineyards located in Naoussa and Amyndeon. Combined, the vineyards stretch over 160 acres and range in elevation from 1,000 to 2,200 feet. The Naoussa vineyard is located in Yiannakohori, the highest point in the viticultural zone, and is home to all the Kir-Yianni red varieties. The vines are planted in 40 different blocks based on their different soil properties. The

Amyndeon vineyard is located in one of the most promising Greek winemaking regions. This smaller of the two vineyards is home to the winery’s white varieties.

Varietal Composition:	100% Xinomavro
Classification:	PDO Amyndeon
Vineyard Location:	Agios Panteleimon in Florina in Northwestern Greece, the only Greek AOC for rosé wines. Situated at an altitude of 2,100ft elevation.
Soil:	Sandy and poor.
Vinification:	Akakies is the final blend of two winemaking techniques: 85% of the juice comes from skin contact grapes and 15% from “saignée” of grapes to be fermented for red wines. Grapes are kept in cold rooms between 11-14C. After destemming and crushing, skin contact takes place under CO2 to avoid oxidation for 12-48 hours. After fermentation, the wine is aged on its lees for 3 months with 3 times per week stirring.
Alcohol:	13.0%
Total Acidity:	6.4 gr/lit.
pH:	2.9
Winemaker Notes:	Vivid pink color with hints of blue. On the nose, impressive juicy aromas of strawberry, cherry and flowers while on the palate the intense red fruit character is balanced by the round acidity and its long, fruity finish.