

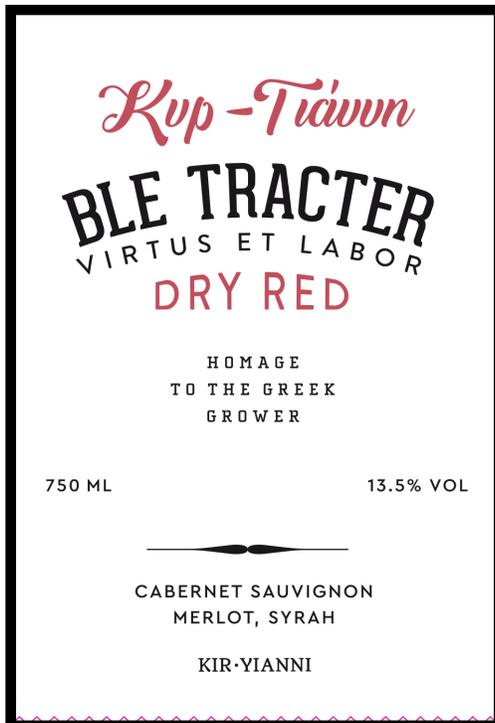
# Kir-Yianni

## Ble Tracter Red



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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, Stellios 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 varietals. 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 varietals.

Varietal Composition:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Syrah

Classification:

PGI Macedonia

Vineyard Location:

Selected vineyards of North Greece, region of Macedonia

Vinification:

Cold soak pre-fermentation; 15 day fermentation in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures from 20-24C. Batonnage is applied on the lees twice a day. Part of the blend matures in oak. Before release, wine stays in bottle for 2 months.

Alcohol:

14%

Total Acidity:

5.1 gr/lt.

pH:

3.66

Winemaker Notes:

Complex aromas of blackcurrant, plums, black pepper and vanilla. Dry with balanced acidity and soft tannins, full body and intense aromas of black fruits, pungent and sweet spices and some herbal notes. Modern, fruity, very well balanced wine.

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