



# ALEXAKIS

## Vidiano Orange 2021

### HISTORY -

The Alexakis family is one of the most important wine ambassadors in Crete and one of the oldest privately owned wineries on the island. Founded in the early 70's by enologist and chemical engineer Stelios Alexakis and his wife Sofia in Heraklion, Crete. Today Alexakis is managed by their two sons, Lazaros and Apostolos, both enologists, with degrees from the Universities of Florence, Italy and Fresno, California. For decades it has invested in long-term relationships with most of the vine growers on the island. The result is high quality wines that truly represent the terroir of Crete. The Alexakis wines draw on a deep understanding of the local vineyards (varieties, soil, local weather conditions and viticulture). Long years of collaboration have allowed the company to choose the most suitable vineyards and the best growers to produce some of the highest quality wines in Crete.

### ECOSYSTEM -

The Vidiano grapes are sourced from selected dry-farmed vines in the limestone-rich vineyards of Aghios Thomas region of Heraklion at around 600m elevation. Sometimes irrigation is practised during the hottest days to reduce the otherwise severe water stress for the vines. Average yields for these parcels are 1/ha, and vines are 15-17 years old. Hand harvest to ensure premium quality grapes.

### VINIFICATION -

Low intervention winemaking with a total SO<sub>2</sub> addition of less than 40 mg/L. Fermentation starts in old oak barrels and finishes in cement tanks. Skin contact lasted for one month. Skins and sediments were removed with gentle racking. Barely any fining and filtration performed.

### TASTING NOTES -

The wine dares to go off the beaten path, with a bright golden colour and novel savoury aromatics of sage, pear, earth and undergrowth. Round body with elegant light tannins and a finish with citrusy and marzipan notes. Alexakis Vidiano Orange is a powerful wine and can benefit from gentle decanting for approximately 30 minutes to bright out its full potential.

**COMPOSITION -** 100% Vidiano

**ALTITUDE -** 1,313-1,969 ft

**REGION -** Heraklion Viticulture Zone

**IRRIGATION -** Drip Vine Irrigation When Needed

**CLASSIFICATION -** Crete PGI

**ALCOHOL % -** 12.5%

**AGE OF VINES -** 15 years +/-

**PH -** 3.25

**VINE TRAINING -** Royat

**TOTAL ACIDITY -** 6.1 grams/liter

**SOIL PROFILE -** Limestone rich vineyards