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# The real face

of cretan villages



KOUNAVI - PEZA - KALONI



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A. Heraklion >

B. Kounavi >

**STILIANOU WINERY:** 17km/ 25min from Heraklion  
(35°.14'.09.09" N / 25°.11'.29.04" E)

C. Peza >

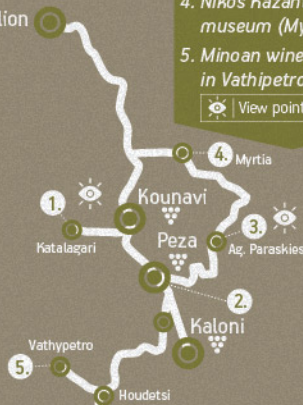
**MINOS MILIARAKIS WINERY:** 20km/ 26min from Heraklion  
(35°.12'.59.40" N / 25°.11'.39.17" E)

D. Kaloni

**DIGENAKIS WINERY:** 21km/ 26min from Heraklion  
(35°.20'.60.09" N / 25°.19'.21.37" E)



Heraklion



## TIPS:

1. View point in Katalagari
2. Onisimos tavern (Peza)
3. Ag. Paraskies
4. Nikos Kazantzakis museum (Myrtia)
5. Minoan wine press in Vathypetro

 View point

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*Visit on opening hours*

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## The real face of Cretan villages

Once again you are leaving the city of Heraklion, heading towards the inner soul of the island. Not far from the city lies the municipality of Archanes-Asterousia, consisting of a net of villages: it combines the beauty of rural paysage, the vineyards and some original 'hot-to-miss' sights.

Begin your trip with a visit to the lovely village of **Myrtia**, home of the great author **Nikos Kazantzakis**. It is worth discovering his life and work through the Nikos Kazantzakis' museum which is located in the small square of the village. Following the back village road through Agies Paraskies, you will arrive to the village of **Kaloni**, which means beauty! The **Digenakis'** family has been experimenting with grape varieties, in the area, for the last two generations: visit the new-built, high tech Digenakis winery to hear their story and taste their wines.

The next village is **Peza** where you can stop for a great, authentic, Cretan meal at the Onisimos tavern with a long tradition in good local food. The **Miliarakis** winery here, offers wine tasting tours inside the family's beautiful restored old wine factory. It is the place to learn everything on wine-making and try the popular Minos wines.

You will have ticked all the boxes of this journey if you make a small detour and drive to **Katalagari** for a picture at the village's view point.

Taking the road back to Heraklion, it is worth stopping for a last wine tasting at the **Stilianou** winery in **Kounavi** village. Here, they produce organic wine according to high standards which they supply in numbered bottles! A perfect way to finish your wine and village journey of this area.