

WINE THROUGH TIME

5000 BC: Agricultural revolution. The art of winemaking starts to spread around the world.

4000 BC: Systematic vine cultivation starts in Crete.

3000 BC: Minoans, with their ships, make wine popular in Egypt.

1600 BC: A wine press was built in Vathipetro, the oldest one ever discovered worldwide.

500 BC: The first set of rules on vine-growing is included in the Law Code of Gortyn, the oldest legal text in Europe.

67 BC-395 AD: Cretan wine conquers the Roman Empire.

1204 Crete, making good use of the Venetian commercial networks, conquers European wine markets.

1415: Cretan winemaking and exports (up to 60.000 barrels per year) flourish under the Venetian rule.

1669: Crete is conquered by the Ottomans. Over the next two centuries, wine production and exports decrease.

Late 19th century: Crete is liberated from the Ottomans. Wine-production is reborn.

Today: Cretan wine is on the rise. Its indigenous wine grapes and flavours satisfy consumers from all over the world.

11 INDIGENOUS VARIETIES OF CRETE

Unique aromas, unforgettable flavours, unparalleled character. The Cretan vineyard hides a valuable treasure of native varieties, which will open up new taste horizons for every restless wine lover who will discover and enjoy them.

Mandilari:

Wild and untamed like the Cretan land and its people, Mandilari is considered to be the King of native red varieties. This is where PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) Peza and Archanes wines draw their strength from.

Kotsifali:

Soft and mellow, full of plum fragrances, the fleshy Kotsifali can be described as the Cretan equivalent of Merlot. Jointly responsible for the wonderful PDO Peza and Archanes wines.

Liatiko:

Excellent red variety which may be lacking in colour, but offers sweetness and character. The mind-blowing sweet and dry PDO Sitia and Dafnes wines are indisputable proof.

Romeiko:

A variety which gives lively red wines with high alcohol content, average

acidity and variable colour – due to the distinctive variegated grapes growing on numerous branches of the plant.

Vilana:

The island's white star. Vilana makes an appearance in PDO Peza or Sitia wines with its fascinating fine aroma, its light taste and its refreshing lemon-scented acidity.

Vidiano:

Unique apricot aroma, rich body, transforming creamy taste. These elements make Vidiano the rising diva of the Cretan vineyard and justify its qualifying as Greece's Vigneron.

Malvasia di Candia:

This special clone of the aromatic Malvasia has returned to the fore, offering a real scented bouquet to both sweet and dry wines of the island.

Plyto:

Yet another variety recently saved from extinction, Plyto completes the mosaic of Cretan aromas and tastes with its refreshing acidity, its lemon scent and its lightness.

Thrapsathiri:

A variety grown everywhere in Crete, offering balanced wines rich in flavour. This is where the white PDO Sitia wines draw their particular taste from.

Dafni:

The various aromas of Dafni bring

mind the well-known plant dafni (laurel), hence its name. Quite a remarkable variety, whose scarcity is matched by the rarity of its taste character.

* Upcoming varieties: Melissaki & Tachtas

VARIETIES	BASIC CHARACTERISTICS	AROMAS AND FLAVOURS INTENSITY					AREAS OF PRODUCTION	CULTIVATED IN:
		INTENSITY	BODY	ACIDITY	ALCOHOL	TANNINS		
Vidiano	Apricot, Pergamot, Pear, Lime, Jasmine, Chamomile, Pebbles (minerality)	Medium-High	Full	Medium	High		POD HANAKIAS (PART OF THE BLEND FOR THIS PDO AREA)	
Vilana	Orange, Lemon, Pear, Thyme, Jasmine, Sage, Nightflower, Banana	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium		POD PEZA, IN BLEND WITH THRAPSATHIRI FOR POD SITIA	
Dafni	Lemon, Laurel, Tea, Rosemary, Lemon Verbena	Medium-High	Medium	Medium	Medium			
Plyto	Melon, Pear, Lime, Pineapple	High	Medium	Medium-High	Medium			
Thrapsathiri	Melon, Peach, Lemon Peel, Apple, Pear	Medium	Medium-Full	Medium	High		POD HANAKIAS (PART OF THE BLEND FOR THIS PDO AREA), IN BLEND WITH VILANA FOR POD SITIA	
Muscat of Spina	Orange blossom, Lime, Jasmine, Nightflower, Chamomile	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High	Medium			
Malvasia di Candia	Peach, Apricot, Apple, Pear, Jasmine, Nightflower	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-High	Medium			
Kotsifali	Cherry, Sour Cherry, Plum, Raspberry	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low	POD PEZA, POD ARCHANES	
Mandilari	Plum, Fig, Raspberry, Leather, Liquorice	Medium	Medium	Medium-High	Medium	High	IN BLEND FOR POD PEZA AND POD ARCHANES	
Liatiko	Strawberry, Fig, Raspberry, Plum, Leather	Medium-High	High-Full	High	High	Medium-Low	POO DAFNES, POD SITIA	
Romeiko	Strawberry, Blueberry, Wild Cherry, Clove	Medium	Medium	Low	High	Low		

Wines of Crete A sense of place

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36 WINERIES in one island



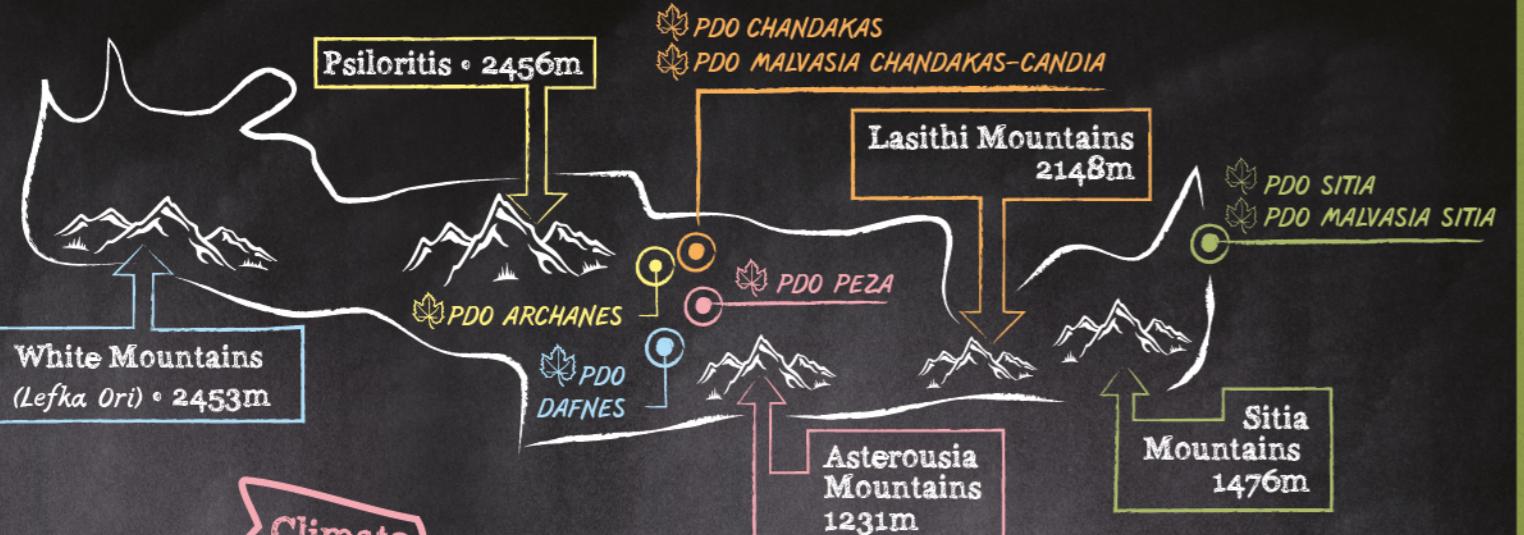
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WINE FACTS IN CRETE



Protected Geographical Indication •

PGI CRETE

4.200 Hectares of wine vineyards

46.200 tons of wine grapes

300.000 hectoliters of wine

Soil Limestone, Slat, Calcium clay, Red soils

Altitude From 0 to 1000m gravel, schist, rocky

Grape Distillate Tsikoudia

Climate Warm Mediterranean, North Breeze, Annual Rainfalls from 250mm to 900mm

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WINEMAKERS

CRETAN CUISINE

In recent years, the international scientific community has been increasing its efforts in the quest for the ideal diet in terms of health. Cretan diet lies at the center of attention, since most studies present Cretan cuisine as the most typical example of high-quality Mediterranean area. Cretans, admittedly, have the highest longevity rate in the world and the lowest mortality rate from conditions such as cardiovascular diseases and cancer.

But what is the secret of the Cretan diet? Crete has one of the oldest and most tasteful cuisines in the world. It is the continuation of traditional flavours, aromas, ingredients and styles dating all the way back to the Minoan times. Archaeological findings show that 4000 years ago ancient Cretans consumed more or less the same products as Cretans today. Many large urns used for storing oil, wine, cereals, legumes and honey were found in the Minoan palaces.

In the course of its long history, Crete's gastronomy has been influenced by the people who tried to conquer the island. However, Cretans had a way of filtering every dietary habit and adapting it to their standards, thus adding a special character to it. The ability to preserve its personal character, despite changes and adversities, formed a tradition which is now proven to be particularly valuable. Thus, the international scientific community not only speaks about Cretan cuisine, but also about the miracle of the Cretan diet.

Wine and Olive oil: The sacred bond of good health

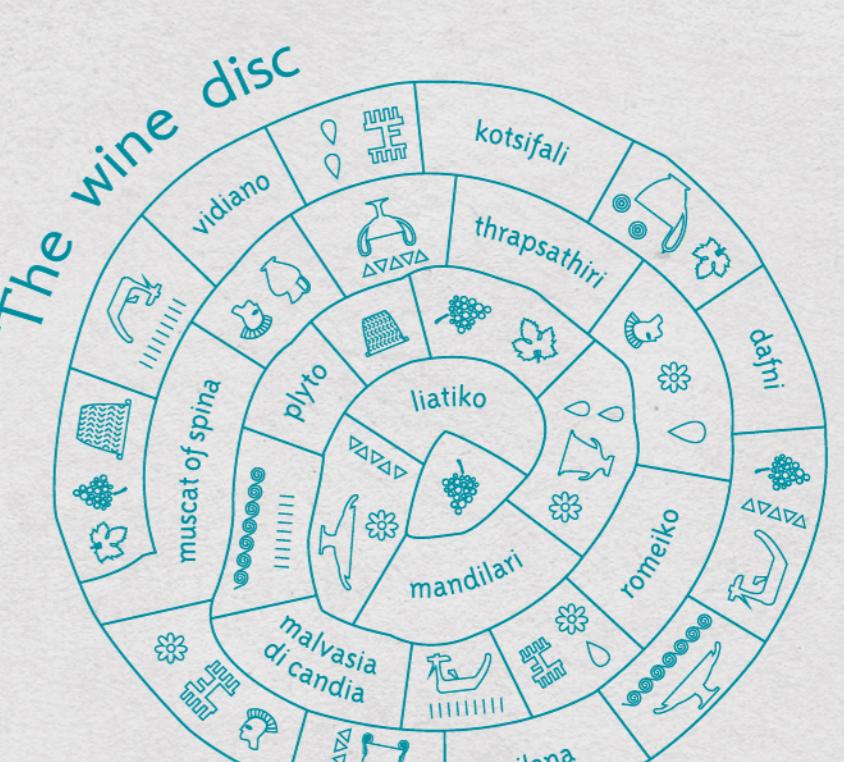
Every vineyard is always next to an olive grove. Olive oil is a special nutritional product for Cretans and their main source of fat, since the Minoan times. Its value is immense, given that it is the most powerful antioxidant found in nature.

Olive trees have been cultivated in Crete since 3000 BC. The island's climate and the favourable composition of the soil allow olive trees not only to grow everywhere, but also to provide the highest possible quality of oil, with low acidity and exceptional flavour. The fact that Cretans live longer and have the lowest disease rates seems to be connected to being among the largest consumers of olive oil in the world.

The other important chapter in Cretan diet is wine. Recently, it has been proven that two or three glasses of wine per day, offer protection from cardiovascular diseases. Moreover, the substances contained in the grape skin interact with the barrel, where the product is stored to create polyphenols, very powerful antioxidants with significant anticancer properties!

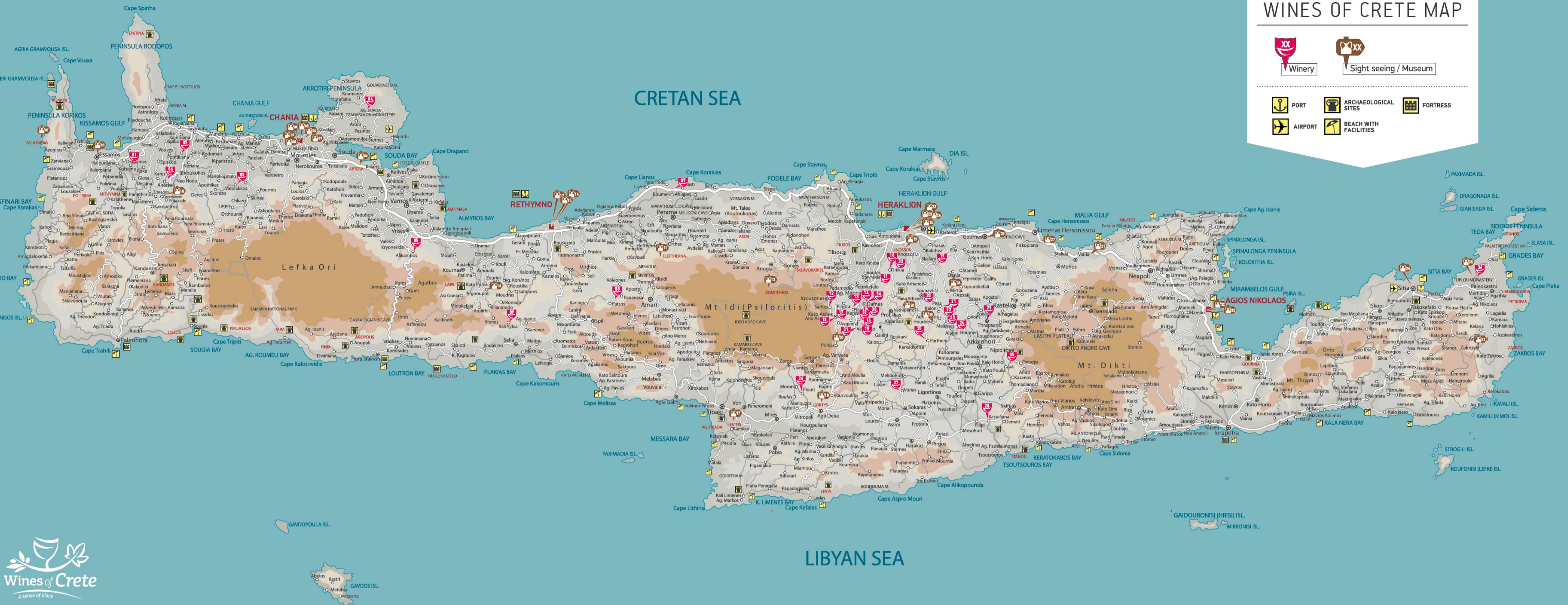
The Cretan traditional way of life indicates that wine should accompany dinner or lunch, because it is the basic ingredient of companionship and socializing. Cretans drink together, they laugh and they talk. Modern wineries in Crete have taken good advantage of the traditional vine varieties and the experience accumulated over the centuries. Tradition goes hand-in-hand with knowledge and technology, for maximum pleasure and good health.

More about Cretan Diet at www.agrocrete.com



Decipher the secrets of Cretan wine. Taste the local varieties.

WINES OF CRETE MAP



WINERIES

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03] Manousakis Winery - Nostos Wines
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04] Agia Triada Tzakaron Monastery - Vinolio
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05] Dourakis Winery
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