

Amarantos

YIANNOUDI

LIMITED EDITION

MARATHASA
WINES

Style:

Dry Red Wine

Grapes:

100% Giannoudi

Region/Appellation:

PGI Nicosia (Troodos highlands, Marathasa valley)

Production volume:

1,169 btl

Alcohol:

14% abv

pH:

3.5

Acidity:

5.26

Residual Sugar:

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Tasting Notes

2023 was a very generous vintage for our Giannoudi.

The wine is deeply expressive with uplifting floral aromas of violet followed by precise flavours of mulberry, raspberry, black cherry and plum. Careful ageing in French oak barrels has added sweet spice and complexity all richly layered with ripe and finely grained tannins and perfectly balanced freshness.

Food pairing: lamb, red meats, mushrooms, blue cheese

Body: Full

Vineyard

The wine is named after the 'flower of eternal youth', which grows amongst the vines and reflects the unfading nature of this indigenous grape. The vines are planted in rocky vineyards, on steep mountain slopes with shallow topsoil. These ideal conditions force the roots to travel deep in search of water, increasing flavour concentration in the grapes.

Altitude: 1000m-1120m

Exposure: Mixed

Soil: Diabase

Texture: Sandy Clay

Winemaking

The grapes are chilled overnight, followed by very meticulous sorting, where any small green berries and stalk fragments are removed, before destemming and light crushing. The cap is managed with a soft extraction approach, with infrequent and short pump-overs. A relatively short vatting period is followed by de-vatting and MLF in steel tanks. The wine is aged in old French oak for 12 months.

Fermentation temperature: 20-23°C

Vintage

The 2023 growing season was characterised by extremely low rainfall during the winter (one of the driest years on record) starting with very low water reserves in the soil. There was moderate to comparatively high rainfall during the growing season (85mm) with unusual temperature fluctuations from month to month. Some extremely high temperatures were recorded during the summer. Overall, a relatively late ripening, with low yields all over Cyprus. *The Giannoudi harvest began on 18 September 2023.*



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