

# Paterianakis 2018 Melissikipos Red (Crete) ORGANIC

WineWise Code	HPA-MER18
Country	Greece
Region	Crete
Color	Red
Case Size	12x750
ABV	12
Acidity	6
Residual Sugar	2
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Cases Produced	10,000 bottles
Varieties	50% Kotsifali 50% Mandilari
Maceration Notes	the marc is seperated from the wine at the end of alcoholic fermentation
Pumpover / Punchdown	2 times per day during the alcoholic fermentation
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation Vessel	Oak
Fermentation Duration	6 months
Aging Method	New Barrique 50%, Stainless Steel 50%
Aging Duration (months)	6 months, Only Mandilari is oaked, Kotsifali is vinificated in stainless steel tanks.
Filtered	No
Fining Agents	None
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact / Stirring	The marc is separated from the wine at the end of fermentation
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 70 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Melissokipos
Soil Type	Calcareous, Loess
Elevation (meters)	650
Vineyard Aspect	Northeast
Vine Age (years)	20
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	60
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Vine Training Notes	organic cultivation, using some aspects of biodynamic philosophy, minimise the use of heavy machinery, winter cover crop and winter rest, structural diversity and vertical biodiversity
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

## WineWise Notes:

Impressively coloured and robustly flavoured, yet only 12.5% in alcohol. Spicy and incisive red wine with above-average character and interest for its echelon. A poster child for the virtues of autochthonous varieties.

Established in 1990, this was the first certified organic estate in Crete. With its 4000 year-old wine culture, this magnificent island offers no shortage of unique indigenous grape varieties, which are what we have chosen to feature here. The winery itself is intelligently constructed into a hillside, which offers natural insulation and the valuable possibility to move everything by gravity. Giorgios Paterianakis makes an impressive array of wines for a modestly sized estate. Our initial selection is two whites and a red.



## Notes from the producer:

A pure Cretan blend with a deep, red color. An everyday wine for all occasions. The bottles we might open every day are the most important wines in our lives, because they shape our attitudes, desires and fire our imagination. Think wine as a food. If you care where your wine comes from, how its grown or made, about health consequences, apply the same logic to wine. Kotsifali known as the regions Pinot Noir, is a very compact cluster of Medium-sized grape, rich in alcohol and elegant aromas, so in this wine Kotsifali is unoaked to reveal its own unique personality. In contrast Mandilari, known as Cabernet, has a more intense red color, with hard, rich tannins and an intense aroma. Mandilari is oaked so that it can be smoother with more velvet tannins. Explore to find out a very good value red wine from little - known grapes.