



DOMAINE
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Crete, Greece



YEAR FOUNDED: 1996

OWNER: Giorgios Paterianakis

WINEMAKER: Giorgios Paterianakis

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 100,000 bottles

WINERY LOCATION: Heraklion

VINEYARD LOCATIONS: Crete, Greece



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. His oldest daughter Emanouella is impatient to take over, however, and is brimming with innovative ideas, including the adoption of biodynamic practices. A recent visit left us filled with excitement and optimism for the future of this outstanding estate.



Over 50 years ago, Manolis Paterianakis inherited vineyards from his father-in-law in a picturesque semi-mountainous area with an altitude of approximately 650m. He pioneered organic cultivation when it was relatively unknown locally. Manolis' son, Giorgios, grew up in these vineyards, adopting principles of crafting pure and natural wines. Despite a successful career as a civil engineer, Giorgios returned to his roots in the early '90s, establishing the winery in 1997. With expertise in civil engineering, he designed the first Cretan winery with a holistic approach, using natural materials. He planted indigenous and French grape varieties, creating a unique vineyard.



In 2010, the third generation, Emmanouela and Nicky, took charge, ushering in a new era for Domaine Paterianakis. They launched new labels and embraced organic vinification and biodynamic cultivation.

Emmanouela and Nicky, the heart of Domaine Paterianakis, run the business with inherited love and passion for viticulture. Emmanouela, the main enologist since 2007, holds a degree in Oenology and Drinking Technology from the University of Athens. She is WSET certified and has consulted for major Greek wineries. Nicky, a chemical engineer, graduated from the National Technical University of Athens. Since 2009, she oversees promotion and sales in the Greek market.

Quick Facts:

- First certified Organic estate in Crete
- Unique architectural design to economize by using gravity.
- The next generation is working on becoming Bio-dynamic



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