Amfissis





DENOMINATIONS AND SYNONYMS:

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Voliotiki, Agriniou, Artas, Konservolia, Milolia, Patrini, Piliou, Salonitiki, Stylidos , Voliotiki, Agriniou, Artas, Konservolia, Milolia, Patrini, Piliou, Salonitiki, Stylidos ,

ORIGIN AND DIFFUSION:

It is a Greek variety. It is cultivated mainly in Central Greece (Fthiotida, Fokida, Evia, Viotia, Aetoloakarnania), Magnesia, Larissa, and Epirus. Recently it has been expanded in Macedonia and other regions of Greece. It used to be the dominant table olive variety in Greece representing 70% of olive groves, however, due to the massive expansion of other varieties during the recent decades, it nowadays covers 30% of the country's table olive growing acreage (DOEPEL, 2022).

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PURPOSE: Oil, Table olives

MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISATION:

Tree	Vigour	Weak	
	Growth habit	Upright	
	Canopy density	Medium	
Leaf blade	Length	Long	
	Width	Broad	
	Radio length/width	Moderately elongated	
	Curvature of longitudinal axis	Straight	
Fruit	Weight	Very high	
	Radio length/width in position A	Moderately elongated	
	Over colour at full maturity	Black	
	Symmetry in position A	Strongly asymmetric	
	Shape of apex in position A	Acute	
	Nipple	Absent or weak	
	Shape of base in position A	Truncate	
Stone	Ratio length/width	Very elongated	
	Weight	Very high	
	Symmetry in position A	Weakly asymmetric	
	Symmetry in position B	Symmetric	
	Number of grooves on basal end	Between 7 and 10	
	Distribution of grooves on basal end	Strongly grouped around suture	
	Shape of apex in position A	Rounded	
	Mucron	Present	
	Shape of base in position A	Rounded	
	Rugosity of surface	Strong	



MOLECULAR CHARACTERISATION (SSRs)

UDO-43	DCA3	DCA9	DCA16	GAPU-101
172/175	229/251	170/196	122/173	197/199

AGRONOMICAL CHARACTERISATION AND COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Amfissis is of medium hardiness, and it has a medium rooting ability (Kostelenos, 2011). When irrigated, it grows quickly and comes into bearing after three to four years (Metzidakis). It has a high pistil abortion rate. Its time of flowering is intermediate while the time of ripening is intermediate-late. Productivity is high and alternate. The harvest date depends on the end use of the fruit. Its ability to adapt to different environmental conditions means that it can be cultivated from sea level up to an altitude of 500-600 meters, provided rainfall is not less than 500 mm/year. It is used for preparing green olives, natural black olives and natural olives turning colour. It is also used for oil production. The fruit has a medium content of good-quality oil. The flesh of the fruit is firm, and it is, therefore, resistant to damage during transportation and handling, which is why it is also intended for black pickling. It is a freestone variety. It is resistant to olive knot, whereas it is susceptible to verticillium wilt (Markakis et al., 2022) and olive fly (Kalaitzaki et al.). It is tolerant to drought and cold while it is sensitive to salinity (Koubouris et al., 2015).ReferencesDOEPEL (2022) National Interprofessional Organization for Table Olives in Greece.Kalaitzaki A, Koufakis I, Papadaratsaki A, Manolikaki I, Koubouris G. (unpublished data) Field evaluation of the susceptibility of olive cultivars to Bactrocera oleae in Western Crete (Southern Greece). Kostelenos G. 2011. Elements of Olive Growing. Book.Koubouris G.C., Tzortzakis N., Kourgialas, N.N., Darioti M., Metzidakis I. 2015. Growth, photosynthesis and pollen performance in saline water treated olive plants under high temperature. International Journal of Plant Biology 6:6038. Markakis E.A., Krasagakis N., Manolikaki I., Papadaki A.A., Kostelenos G., Koubouris G. 2022. Evaluation of Olive Varieties Resistance for Sustainable Management of Verticillium Wilt. Sustainability 14: 9342. Metzidakis (unpublished data) Agronomical characterization of olive varieties in Greece.

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