

The origin of the word “wine”

Ineas reigned Kalidona. He married Althea who was Thestios' daughter, king of the neighbourly Plevrona. They had four sons (Meleagros, Tokseas, Thyreas, Klymenos) and two daughters (Gorgi and Diianira).

Ineas was connected with a lot of mythic heroes and has a significant place in the mythic field.

During those years the cultivation of vineyard was very developed in the area of Kalidona because its climate and stony soil favoured this crop. The following versions, referring to the origin of wine, had been woven around the vineyard.



According to the first version god Dionisos taught Ineas and people of Kalidona the cultivation of vineyard. Once upon a time, god Dionisos visited those places and he slept with the King's wife, Althea. In fact

Diianira is mentioned as Dionisos' daughter and as a present for the hospitality he was offered by the people of Kalidona. In addition, he taught Ineas the art of vineyard as a reward. In this way, the word wine (inos in the Greek language) derives from the King Ineas' name.

A second version supports that stafilos, a shepherd of Ineas', noticed that one of his goats became more vivid when eating the fruits of an unknown plant. Being intrigued by this fact, he brought the fruit to the King, who squeezed it, mixed it with water, tried the juice and felt invigorated. So, he named the grape (stafili in the Greek language) after stafilos name and the juice of grape after his name.

