

ALTO ADIGE SPECIALE

Alto Adige



Located in the Northern part of Italy, which borders Austria, the Alto Adige is one of the smallest wine production zones of Italy. Notwithstanding this however, it has a high number of vineyards of varying sizes, all dedicated to cultivating a little more than 5000 hectares. The soils are characterized by the different altitudes (in some cases, 1000 meters above sea level), as well as by the varying geological compositions such as marl, limestone, shale, dolomite stone, gravel, and clay.

All this, combined with a rather high number of vines and enological styles, render the Alto Adige one of the most dynamic production areas of the entire Italian enological panorama.

The climate of the Alto Adige is influenced in a very positive way, by the Alps, which protect the

surface from the cold winds of Northern Europe.

The vine cultivation of the Alto Adige is composed in great part by those of white grapes, equaling 60% of the total production. The most common of these are:

- **Gewürztraminer:** literally “spiced” Traminer, present in 10% of the overall territory.
- **Sauvignon Blanc:** cultivated in 7% of the territory, the zones most suited are the South Tyrol and the Val Venosta.
- **Kerner:** variety born from the union of Trollinger and Riesling. Late harvest grape. Very widespread, qualitatively speaking, in the Val Venosta.
- **Pinot Bianco:** a vine of great elegance and acidity. Cultivated in 10% of the territory.
- **Chardonnay:** very diffuse in the area



surrounding Bolzano and in the Valle dell'Adige.

- **Riesling:** great acidity with an equally long lasting quality. In the Alto Adige, it is often vinified, contrary to that which occurs in other parts of Europe, with almost no sugar.
- **Pinot Grigio:** makes up a little more than 10% of the cultivated surface of the region.
- **Sylvaner:** grows very well in the Val Isarco.

Completing the list of white varieties are the Moscato Giallo, Veltliner, and the Müller Thurgau. Some excellent white wines of the Alto Adige are often products of a combination of some of the aforementioned varieties.

This Southern Tyrolean area also offers red grape production. The most diffuse are the Lagrein, the Moscato Rosa, and the Schiava. However, more widespread are some international varieties such as Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Zweigelt.

The territory of the Alto Adige is commonly subdivided into seven production areas, each with characteristics that render it unique.

- **Bassa Atesina:** heights up to 1000 meters above sea level, calcareous rocks, and dolostone, particularly in the Termeno area. Territory with a distinct trait of about 70% white grapes.
- **Bolzano:** area of reds, native to the Lagrein and to the Schiava.
- **Oltradige:** the most noted and important areas are those of the Appiano and of the Lago di Caldaro. Slight prevalence of white varieties.
- **Valle dell'Adige:** wines of strong flavor. Present here is the DOC Alto Adige Terlano, characterized by a blend of white grapes, in particular Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, and Pinot Grigio.
- **Valle Isarco:** adopted home of Riesling and Sylvaner. Produced here, almost exclusively white wines.
- **Merano:** primarily red grapes.
- **Val Venosta:** thin and sandy soils, which often translate into very elegant wines.

Of the cultivation surface of the Alto Adige, 98% is protected by the DOC Alto Adige.

GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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Pinot Bianco

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Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Sirmian 2018 NALS MARGREID

The "Sirmian" from Nals Margreid winery is unanimously recognized so far as one of the most illuminated expressions in the Alto Adige territory, within Pinot Blanc category. Vineyards located at the foot of Nalles town. Aged seven months both in barrels and steel. The nose is very clear and clean with scents of citron peel, kiwi and hawthorn. The mouthfeel is highly mineral, vibrant and savoury. Long-lasting persistence.



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Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Riserva Renaissance 2016 GUMPHOF

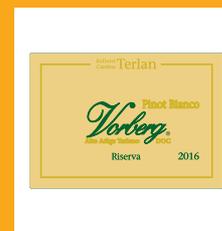
A tiny reality but deeply rooted in this territory actually since the sixteenth century. Five hectares at the foot of the Sciliar plateau. Gravel soils characterized by high slopes and an equally pronounced vocation. A shining Pinot Bianco Riserva displaying a citrusy and floral nose. Greatly clear and vertical. In the mouth, ample and full-bodied, with the proper acidity. An elegant almond taste in the finish.



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Alto Adige Terlano Pinot Bianco DOC Riserva Vorberg 2016 CANTINA TERLANO

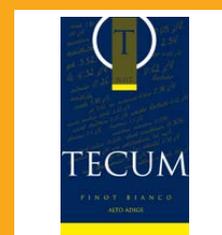
One of the staples in this category. The southern side of Monzocolo. Steeply sloping vineyards between 450 and 950 metres above sea level. Here is a perfectly balanced Pinot Blanc showing a wonderful fruit freshness and a breath-taking persistence. Melon and white-fleshed peach at the nose. The mouthfeel is an immersive experience: velvety softness, generosity and roundness. A large and rich complexity as for the profile.



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Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Tecum 2017 CASTELFEDER

A rich, full-bodied and elegant Castelfeder. An adventurous experience within Pinot Blanc. Strong intensity on the nose, with golden apple, pineapple and kiwi dominating. A pleasant spicy, vegetal trace from pepper leaf. The mouth opens out on fat, mineral and ample notes showing the alcoholic character. Silky and compact in the finish, with a good persistence.



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Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC 2017 AZIENDA AGRICOLA FALKENSTEIN

Valle Venosta, the renowned wine varieties of Bernadette and Franz Pratzner. Despite their complex and arduous nature, they are able to produce wines of great minerality like this Pinot Blanc. Aged nine months in acacia wood barrels, the citrusy nose displays aromas of pineapple, fresh grass and undergrowth. A slight balsamic trace. The sip is rich and generous as well as ample and salty. Long persistence.



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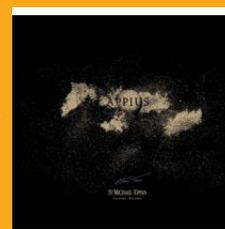
 LONG (more than 15 years)

Blend Bianco

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 **Alto Adige DOC Appius 2015**
ST MICHAEL EPPAN

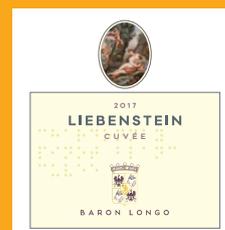
This label embodies a dream come true. That dream of Hans Terzer, an oenologist who needs no introduction. The 2015 edition is even more elegant than that of the previous year. A blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon, this Appius is a wine of a very strong personality. A citrusy nose with nuances of camomile. The mouthfeel is full and vigorous led by a breath-taking iodized note. Very firm in the finish.



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 **Alto Adige DOC Liebenstein 2017**
BARON LONGO

Egna sull'Adige. Twenty hectares of wine varietal climbing up to 1040 metres. An undeniably unique olfactory and flavour profile. A blend of Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay aged in small barrel. On the nose, a great richness and thickness from aromas of citrus, apricot, nectarine enriched by an exotic touch of pineapple. The mouthfeel is firm, creamy, nearly crunchy and ample, led by a strong and very distinct acidity.



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 **Alto Adige DOC Grande Cuvée I Terlano 2016**
CANTINA TERLANO

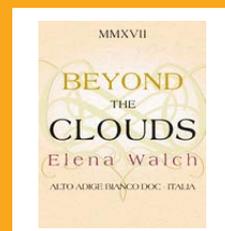
A unique wine, the result of ambitious ideas about ripening and aging. A blend where Pinot Blanc is predominant, with the contribution of Chardonnay and Sauvignon. Left ten years on the yeasts. The initial olfactory profile is very typical with aromas of ripe, dried fruit, above all pineapple, then, the mouthfeel shows an astonishing minerality held by an equally powerful acidity.



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 **Alto Adige DOC Beyond The Clouds 2017**
ELENA WALCH

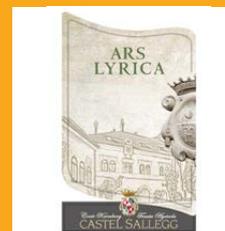
A distinctive wine born from the wisdom of Elena Walch's winery. A blend mainly made with Chardonnay, a very accurate process during the harvest and the fermentation. Then, an aging of ten months in barriques. A nice olfactory profile of exotic fruit, mango and apricot. A pleasant toasted note in the background. In the mouth it is clear, intense and complex with a great thickness ending accurately on an almondy trace.



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 **Alto Adige DOC Ars Lyrica Cuvée Ars Lyrica 2016**
CASTEL SALLEGG

A good blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc which strikes especially for its firmness. Vineyards located in Caldaro town, between 200 and 550 metres above sea level. First, a precise selection in the vineyard. Then, ten months in steel and barriques. On the nose, citrusy aromas with a thick tropical note combined with a toasted trace. The mouthfeel is generous, with an excellent flavour spectrum. In the finish a unique, very pleasant bitter note.



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Riesling

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Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Riesling Praepositus 2017

ABBAZIA DI NOVACELLA

One of the best celebrated wines for this category in the Alto Adige area. Floral, mineral, and fruity. It owns all the characteristics which make it an excellent solution in wine pairing. The nose is variegated with aromas of yellow flowers, saffron and kiwi. The finish is marked by a light bitter touch. Salty, fresh and very persistent in the mouth. A pleasant acidity as well.

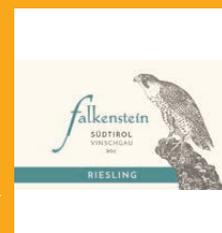


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Alto Adige Val Venosta DOC Riesling 2017

AZIENDA AGRICOLA FALKENSTEIN

A flawless citrusy profile, a mineral and creamy mouthful for this Riesling. From the highest vineyards owned by the Pratzner family, healthy grapes with undeniable aging abilities. Left ten months in acacia wood, the olfactory profile is very citrusy, dominated by citron, kiwi and notes from white-fleshed peach. Great minerality in the mouth with an excellent flavour spectrum.



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Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Riesling Aristos 2018

CANTINA VALLE ISARCO

From alluvial lands situated at 600-800 metres above sea level. This Riesling doesn't undergo a malolactic fermentation, but it is aged seven months in steel containers, on the fine lees. The nose is vivacious and breezy with citrusy notes from citron and green apple. A notable vegetal trace in the background. Fleshy, direct and very clear in the mouth where a marked minerality is highlighted.

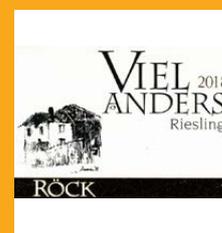


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Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Riesling Viel Anders 2018

RÖCK

From very skeletal soils, a Riesling with an extraordinarily intense taste. Aging period of eight months, mostly in stainless steel and a small quantity in barrique. The nose reveals a nice fruity trace, notes of grass-mowing, green apple and white-fleshed nectarine. A great minerality in the mouth, backed by a good acidity and a notable persistence.



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Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Riesling 2018

STRASSEHOF

From very high vineyards located at 750 metres above sea level, this Riesling stands out for its remarkable minerality in the mouth. Aged eight months: during the first four months in large oak, then in steel containers. This wine displays a very sophisticated nose with aromas of apricot and peach above all, enriched by freshly-cut grass. In the mouth, fresh, salty and captivating. Nice persistence.



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Kerner

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 Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2018
KÖFERERHOF

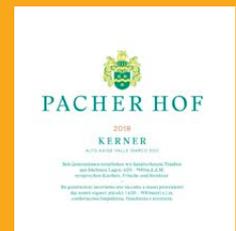
Varna, the Dolomites, the northernmost wine-producing area in Italy. A grape variety whose potentiality has not yet been completely explored. A citrusy version, magnificently tasty. Eight months in stainless steel to attain aromas of citron and kiwi on the nose, with a pleasant balsamic trace in the background. In the mouth, freshness and saltiness, backed by an excellent minerality. A wonderful and very elegant persistence.



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 Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2018
PACHER HOF KERNER

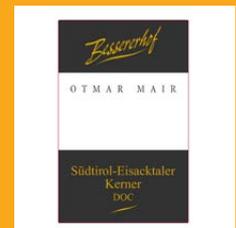
Neustft area. Situated at 650 metres above sea level, a winery which needs no introduction. Here is a wine displaying a pleasant complexity. Aged six months both in steel and wood. Nice citrusy notes coming from ripe fruit. On the nose, apricot, peach and an agreeable smoked touch arising as tertiary aroma. In the mouth, a big freshness, a notable minerality with a good persistence.



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 Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2018
MAIR OTMAR BESSERERHOF

Vineyards located at 800 up to 900 metres above sea level, between the villages of Fiè allo Sciliar and Tiso. A beautiful variety of skeletons - gravel and tuff soils - and grape blends of a very rare consistency. Bottled after six months in stainless steel, with a nice floral note. On the nose, lemon peel, hawthorn and apricot. The mouthfeel is clear, salty with an excellent persistence.



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 Alto Adige Kerner DOC Luxs 2018
WEINGUT NIKLAS

So much elegance in this version of Kerner produced by Niklas winery. Vineyards at 460 metres above sea level, between Muttergarten and Trifall, near Lake Caldaro. Aged in steel, a small part in oak wood. The nose shows its complexity: citrusy but also balsamic, with notes of nectarine and apricot, among others. The mouth is mineral, salty and fat with a great thickness. A notable crunchiness as for the mouthfeel.



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 Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2018
STRASSEHOF KERNER

For this young winery located in Novacella, an interesting project on varietals which stands out for label accuracy. Vineyards situated at 750 metres, whose exposure allows healthy and brilliant grape blends with a fruity profile. The nose is variegated: elderflower, pineapple, kiwi, among others. A wonderful freshness perceived in the mouth, shaped on a remarkable and precise acidity. Long-lasting persistence.



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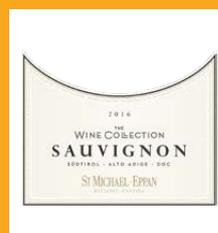
 LONG (more than 15 years)

Sauvignon Blanc

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 **Alto Adige Sauvignon DOC The Wine Collection 2016**
SAN MICHELE APPIANO

The new creation conceived in the “control room” of San Michele Appiano. Very limited editions of wine varietals, without forgetting the final quality. First, steel containers, then, tonneau for twelve months. Again, steel for a further period of twelve months. An impressive olfactory profile due to fruity notes alternating to vegetal ones from undergrowth. A balsamic trace, an explosion of flavours in the mouth. Very deep finish with a great freshness.



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 **Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc DOC Riserva Rachtl 2016**
TIEFENBRUNNER

A family that has been working in the wine sector since the mid-nineteenth century. An estate covering twenty-five hectares and a focus on an identity vinification. Like this Sauvignon showing a wonderful and complex nose with spicy and citrusy aromas together with an exotic touch from mango. In the mouth it is very clear with a great minerality. Perfectly full-rounded until the end of the sip.



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 **Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc DOC Amperg 2017**
TENUTA KLAUS LENTSCH

Following in his father's footsteps, in only ten years Klaus has already been successful in leaving his mark in the wine sector. An oenological project carried out in vineyards located in the blessed Oltradige area. Even this Sauvignon is astonishing: a nice olfactory profile recalling “green-coloured” aromas: grass-mowing, green apple and kiwi. The mouthfeel is particularly mineral, fresh and crunchy with a nice persistence.



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 **Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc DOC Lafóa 2017**
CANTINA COLTERENZIO

One of the strong suits of a winery which needs no introduction. Morainic skeleton, intentionally low yields. Aged both in stainless steel and in barrique. The olfactory profile shows a pronounced vegetal note from grass-mowing and a spicy trace from white pepper. The spectrum is completed by pink grapefruit. Crunchy, ample and very persistent in the mouth.



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 **Alto Adige Val Venosta DOC Sauvignon Blanc 2017**
AZIENDA AGRICOLA FALKENSTEIN

Another key product for this category in the Alto Adige area. A small sloping parcel at nearly 600 metres above sea level. The aromatic profile represents one of the greatest virtues of this wine: elder, grapefruit, apricot, among others. The mouthfeel is quick, intense with a pleasant acidity. A significant minerality and a long-lasting persistence.



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Gewürztraminer

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 Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Kleinstei 2018
CANTINA BOLZANO

A stunning Gewürztraminer. A variation on the theme which is close to the expressive boundaries of the grape blend. Vineyards located in the Renon area, 650 metres above sea level. The aging is carried out only in steel. A beautiful olfactory profile characterized by a vegetal note from grass-mowing, yellow grapefruit and a scent of acacia honey. Equally fresh, mineral and spicy in the mouth. Very ample and pleasantly crunchy.



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 Alto Adige Valle Isarco Gewürztraminer DOC 2018
KÖFERERHOF

The town of Novacella, vineyards between 700 and 800 metres above sea level. Here is a wine displaying a very distinctive citrusy trace. On the nose, pineapple and mango backed by a nice spiciness from pepper leaf. In the mouth, it is bull-bodied with a pronounced crunchiness, a good freshness and generosity. A general feeling of pleasantness in the mouthfeel.



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 Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Riserva Exilissi 2015
BARON DI PAULI

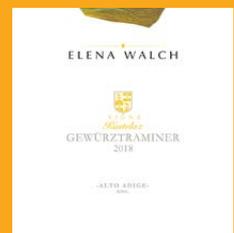
A family boasting a lineage whose celebrated products were already known at the Court of the Tsar. An aging period of ten months in barrels which gives this Gewürztraminer very significant meditative qualities. Very spicy on the nose with clear citrusy aromas - apricot, citron - but also round fragrances from acacia honey. The mouthfeel is compact, important but also very salty and mineral with a feeling of freshness.



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 Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Vigna Kastelaz 2018
ELENA WALCH

Termeno, one of the most valuable parcels of this estate combined with Elena's prowess give this Gewürztraminer its absolute peculiarity. Aging carried out only in steel. The nose is round, with the predominance of spicy scents from fresh spices, such as thyme, and a floral hint from elder, a melon trace. The mouthfeel is spicy, very fresh and quick. Nice minerality and long persistence.



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 Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Graf 2018
CANTINA MERANO

A recently established cooperative brand which is already considered to be very reliable, with some labels of excellence like this Gewürztraminer. Spicy on the nose, with aromas of white pepper and mango dominating. The mouthfeel is firm, very shiny and easy drinkable. Held by a pleasant acidity with round and ample persistence and crunchiness.



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Schiava

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 **Alto Adige S. Maddalena Classico DOC 2017**
WEINGUT EBERLEHOF

A blend of Schiava and Lagrein from sandy and clayish soils in the area of Santa Maddalena. It stands out for its firmness and an excellent flavour profile. Roundness and a clear perception of fruit due to an aging period in oak. Typical scents of violet petals and fruits of undergrowth on the nose, especially currant. A good freshness in the mouth with proper taste and round persistence.



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 **Alto Adige S. Maddalena Classico DOC Reisegger 2018**
EGGER RAMER TENUTA

From a winery carrying out an interesting project focused on territorial wines. A blend of Schiava/Lagrein displaying a great elegance. Aged in large oak barrels and barrique. A nice olfactory profile where small red fruits alternate to balsamic hints. In the mouth, a good minerality, a precious roundness but freshness above all. It is intense but never excessive with a pleasant persistence.



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 **Alto Adige Schiava DOC Ansitz Rynnhof 2018**
ANSITZ RYNNHOF

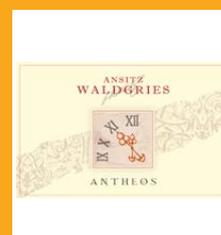
A single-varietal Schiava, aged only in steel. Here is everything a Schiava should be. Vineyards in Caldaro area, at nearly 400 metres above sea level, on a calcareous soil. An olfactory profile showing a great freshness where the typical violet petals alternate to undergrowth scents. The mouthfeel is equally fresh, exuberant with an extraordinarily pleasant sip as a whole.



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 **Alto Adige S. Maddalena Classico DOC Antheos 2018**
WALDGRIES

Again, Santa Maddalena area. A blend of Schiava and Lagrein aged seven months in barrel. Very balsamic and intense. The olfaction opens out on the notes of alcohol-infused marasca cherries, scents of undergrowth and a light toasting in the background. In the mouth, it is clear, elegant with a velvety tannic texture. A pleasant but never excessive persistence.



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 **Alto Adige Santa Maddalena Classico DOC Isarcus 2018**
GRIESBAUERHOF

A St. Magdalener owning all the four quarters of nobility. Produced by an old vineyard which has been successfully recovered. Eight varieties of Schiava with the contribution of Lagrein to reach a very pleasant olfactory profile where currant and fruits of undergrowth are combined with balsamic tertiary aromas. The mouthfeel is held by a great acidity with evident roundness and elegance until the end of the sip.



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Pinot Nero

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Alto Adige Pinot Nero DOC Ludwig 2016 ELENA WALCH

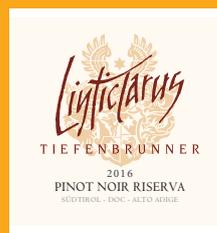
This Pinot noir from Elena Walch proves itself to be one of the most sophisticated interpretations for this wine typology. The result of two parcels situated between 400 and 580 metres above sea level. A magnificence perceived from the nose, where the balsamic notes from alcohol-infused fruit are mixed to undergrowth scents. In the mouth, mineral, very fresh and greatly balanced with an excellent persistence.



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Alto Adige Pinot Nero DOC Riserva Lintclarus 2016 TIEFENBRUNNER

In Castel Turmhof, five generations accurately working on projects about territorial wines of great texture, like this wonderful Pinot Noir Riserva. Vineyards located at 400-480 metres above sea levels. Aged twelve months in barrique and six months in large wood containers. The nose opens out on scents of alcohol-infused cherries and undergrowth. A pleasant spiciness. The mouth is elegant, round with an extraordinary persistence.



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Alto Adige Pinot Nero DOC Riserva 2017 LEHENGUT

From vineyards located at 620 metres above sea level, at the foot of Monte Sole in Colsano. Here is an intense Pinot Noir: spicy, strong, of great personality. The nose opens out on scents of pepper leaf, alcohol-infused fruit enriched with a nice trace of undergrowth. In the mouth it is intense, fine, backed by a good acidity and a pleasant persistence.



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Alto Adige Pinot Nero DOC Riserva Puntay 2016 ERSTE+NEUE

Caldaro Lake, a unique microclimate. More than one century of oenological history for this firm which was born from the merger of two wine cooperatives. Clayish soils, an aging period of fifteen months both in large barrels and barriques. This wine is characterized by a sophisticated nose and a good intensity: spices, alcohol-infused cherry and chinotto. The mouth is very fresh, elegant with a pleasant persistence.



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Alto Adige Pinot Nero DOC Riserva Maglen 2016 CANTINA TRAMIN

A wine cooperative which is a significant part of the Alto Adige region in the wine-producing sector. A set of labels whose value is undeniable, like this Riserva Maglen, produced by several parcels owned by the firm. First barriques, then larger barrels for eighteen months. A very spicy profile at the nose, mixed to the roundness of alcohol-infused cherries. In the mouth is clear, elegant with an excellent freshness and persistence.



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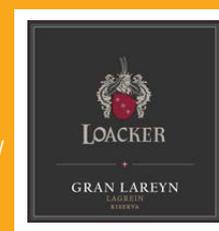
 LONG (more than 15 years)

Lagrein

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 **Alto Adige Lagrein DOC Riserva Gran Lareyn 2016**
WEINGUT LOACKER

An amazing Lagrein resulting from accurate biodynamic aims in the vineyards. A family which has made the history of the business firms in the Alto Adige region. Vineyards located on alluvial lands. Aged one year in small barrel, then two years in large barrel. A wine that offers a very rich nose, with blackberry and spices dominating. In the mouth, it is salty, full-bodied and juicy as well as fresh and elegant.



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 **Alto Adige Lagrein DOC Riserva Carano 2016**
BARON DI PAULI

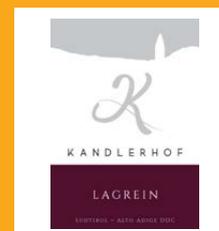
Arzenhof hill, between 300 and 400 metres above sea level. Sixteen months in barrique generate an undeniably elegant, full and compact Lagrein. A nice spicy profile on the nose with clear aromas of undergrowth, pepper leaf and balsamic tertiaries. In the mouth it is dry, clear, very sophisticated and velvety. A soft tannic texture and a very pleasant drinkability.



91+

 **Alto Adige Lagrein DOC 2018**
KANDLERHOF

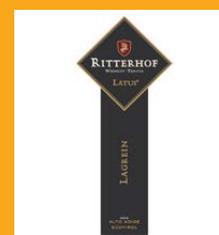
A Lagrein displaying an excellent olfactory profile. Santa Maddalena area, a winemaking reality which has been celebrated since the thirteenth century. Aged in large wood barrel and tonneau, this wine shows a sophisticated olfactory profile where the vegetal scents alternate to notes of blackberry and chinotto. The mouth displays a nice acidity. It is round, persistent, very velvety and full.



91+

 **Alto Adige Lagrein DOC Latus 2016**
RITTERHOF WEINGUT TENUTA

Bassa Atesina, in the Gries area. Almost semicentennial vineyards producing a wine aged twelve months in barrique and tonneau. On the nose, blueberry and blackberry with a pleasant spiciness from pepper leaf. In the mouth, it is fresh, juicy, intense and sophisticated. Elegance backed by a nice acidity which extends the persistence until the end of the sip.



91

 **Alto Adige Lagrein DOC Mirell 2016**
WALDGRIES

An historic winery nearby Bolzano able to best interpret the wine-producing reality in the Alto-Adige region and to convert it in identity labels. This Lagrein, in particular, is aged in large barrels (20% of it is fermented together with its stems) and impresses for its peculiar character and great charm. On the nose, aromas of blackberries and spices, a nice tannic texture in the mouth held by a pleasant acidity.



GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.

 SHORT (5-8 years)

 MEDIUM (10-15 years)

 LONG (more than 15 years)

Vini Dolci

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Mitterberg Passito Bronner IGT "Sweet Claire" 2018 LIESELEHOF

From a project focused on "resistant" grape varieties which should require a separate description, a range of labels both extreme and able to interpret the tradition. Grape blends of Bronner and Piwi, hyperbio quality for this breath-taking wine recalling quince and acacia honey. In the mouth, it is mineral and persistent. Greatly pleasant.



93



Alto Adige DOC Moscato Giallo Passito Quintessenz 2015 CANTINA KALTERN

A brilliant variation of Moscato Giallo from late harvest, aged twenty-four months in tonneau. Marvelous olfactory profile with scents from ripe, tropical fruit (mango, melon, papaya); a perception of honey in the mouth that is full-bodied, firm and very pleasant.



93



Vino Bianco Dolce Dorado TBA 2012 KRÄNZELHOF

A splendid version of sweet wine from Pinot Blanc grape variety. Aged in wood, its nose impresses for a great vegetal tautness, then the fruity component with apricot purée, melon and mango. A full mouth with mineral notes and a soft elegance from acacia honey.



91



Alto Adige DOC Moscato Giallo Passito Baronesse 2017 NALS MARGREID

This winery, known for its flawless artisan care used in its wine productions, like Nals Margreid, can only stand out in this raisin wine from Moscato Giallo grapes. Late harvest, then aging on trellis, and finally twelve months in tonneau. On the nose, canned fruit, peach and pineapple. Beautiful nuances between mineral and citrusy notes perceived in the mouth. Long-lasting persistence.

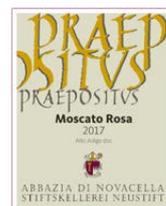


90⁺



Alto Adige DOC Moscato Rosa Praepositus 2017 ABBAZIA DI NOVACELLA

One of the most celebrated sweet wines in the Alto Adige region. Late harvest of Moscato rosa grape blends. Then, vinification in stainless steel. On the nose, aromas of toffee and crème brûlée. The mouthfeel is very mineral, full-bodied with a slight bitter note.



**These rigorously completed blind tastings
took place at the chamber of commerce of Bolzano,
from a panel of 169 samples.**

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