

# ALTO ADIGE

WHITE WINES

# Alto Adige white wines

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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:

- **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.
- **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.



- **Pinot Grigio:** makes up a little more than 10% of the cultivated surface of the region.
- **Grüner Veltliner:** this winegrape is used to make pleasantly aromatic wines, is a specialty of the central part of Val Isarco.
- **Kerner:** variety born from the union of Trollinger and Riesling. Late harvest grape. Very widespread, qualitatively speaking, in the Val Venosta.
- **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.

## The Vintage 2019

The 2019 harvest in the Alto Adige region has to be regarded as one of the best, comparable to 2016, except for the volumes, about 20% less. Initially, the mild winter, associated with a very cold end of April-early May, made us think of a difficult vintage, similarly to the 2017 one, but the warm weather in mid-end June, with a correct flowering, and again, an extraordinary end of August/September brought good alcohol and great acidity to the white wines, while reds, especially the Pinot Noir and Lagrein, display a moderate alcohol and beautiful structure. They will be wines for ageing, long-living, properly made, characterized by finesse that will gradually strengthen with the passing of time.

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## Pinot Bianco

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### Alto Adige Terlano Pinot Bianco DOC Riserva Vorberg 2018

CANTINA TERLANO

*A shining Pinot Blanc as interpreted by Rudi Kofler. The extraordinary vineyards of Vorberg, over 900 metres a.s.l. are able to give an impressive sapidity. Resounding nose with aromas of yellow peach, hawthorn, followed by fresh thyme. Taut, savoury and persistent mouth, with closing of yellow fruit reappearing.*



97+



### Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Sirmian 2018

NALS MARGREID

*Without any doubt, one of the most illuminated expressions in the Alto Adige territory. On the nose, good freshness due to bergamot, white-fleshed nectarine, a hint of cinnamon in the final olfactory profile. The palate is compact, backed by a nice acidity. Salty finish with sweet spiciness reappearing.*



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### Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Riserva ISOS 2017

ANSITZ WALDGRIES

*Firmness and a rich texture in this interpretation of a great Pinot Blanc offered by Christian Plattner. Aged eighteen months. On the nose, aromas of fuji apples, a touch of asparagus and nettle. Closing of sweet spices. The palate is taut but equally dense. Wonderful persistence with a final spicy return.*



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### Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Quintessenz 2018

CANTINA KALTERN

*Cooperative winery with excellent tradition. Expression of the wine making area of Caldaro for a cornerstone of the appellation. Vertical nose with chinotto, tropical fruit - pineapple - ending on the notes of fresh thyme. Dense palate playing between freshness and fruit. Both mineral and salty finish.*



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### Alto Adige Pinot Bianco DOC Kristallberg 2018

ELENA WALCH

*Again, this winery owned by Elena Walch is at the top in this interpretation of Pinot Blanc from vineyards at 700 metres a.s.l., between Termeno and Caldaro. Elegant nose: lily of the valley, banana, a touch of fresh alpine herbs in the closing. The palate is compact with a nice freshness. Persistent on the finish with officinal notes reappearing.*



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## Chardonnay

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### Alto Adige Chardonnay DOC Riserva Troy 2017 CANTINA TRAMIN

One of the 'summe' of decades of research carried out by this winery in Termeno. A vibrating Chardonnay, whose nose is equally multifaceted with mango and papaya, followed by an officinal trace from basil, ending on toasted dried fruit. Great freshness on the palate, good minerality. Officinal note reappears with mentholated trace on the finish.



95+

### Alto Adige Chardonnay DOC Lafòa 2018 COLTERENZIO

More than 300 members joined this cooperative that is able to reach big volumes without impairing quality. And this Chardonnay proves it. On the nose, density and exotic fruit - papaya- with closing on the tones of nutmeg. Taut palate enhanced by a good acidity with fruity recalls. On the finish, notes of dried fruit.



95+

### Alto Adige Chardonnay DOC Sanct Valentin 2018 CANTINA SAN MICHELE APPIANO

Flawless interpretation, as usual, from a winery that allowed to raise the bar when it comes to quality of all the white wines produced in the Alto Adige region. Creamy olfactory profile where notes of fresh fruits alternate to vegetal ones, kiwi and green apples dominating. Closing of thyme and cinnamon. On the palate, fusion of fruit and minerality, long persistence and great personality.



94+

### Alto Adige Chardonnay DOC Flora 2018 CANTINA GIRLAN

This Chardonnay represents another successful result for the wine cooperative created in 1923. Fruity nose on a toasted basis: chinotto, exotic fruit ending on hints of white pepper. Taut palate that shows a nice depth. A final touch of toasted dried fruit.



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### Alto Adige Chardonnay DOC Riserva Vigna AU 2017 TIEFENBRUNNER

Impressive expression of Chardonnay, from a small vineyard of nearly one hectare in the north-east of Niclara. Clear scents of Abate pear and pink grapefruit, a nice floral trace in the background. Salty and taut mouth of great firmness ending on a pleasant bitter note.



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## Riesling

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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Riesling DOC 2019

PACHERHOF

*The setting of Varna offers to this Riesling a minerality strength perceived in the greatly intense mouth. Beautiful complexity on the sophisticated nose: flint stone, notes of white-fleshed nectarines, green bell pepper and a final note of marjoram. The palate is both crunchy and dense. Nice sapidity ending on fruity notes.*



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### Alto Adige Val Venosta Riesling DOC Unterortl 2019

CASTEL JUVAL - UNTERORTL

*Ravishing depth for this Riesling. Fruity nose recalling nectarine, green apple, grass-mowing, closing on the notes of "friggittello" (sweet Italian pepper) and hydrocarbons. The mouth is juicy, backed by nice sapidity, dense and rich profile, officinal notes. Pleasantly persistent on the finish.*



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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Riesling DOC Praepositus 2018

ABBAZIA DI NOVACELLA

*One of the best wines for this category in the Alto Adige area. The nose is variegated with aromas of white flowers, saffron and white-fleshed peach. The finish is marked by a light bitter touch. Salty, fresh and very persistent in the mouth.*



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### Alto Adige Val Venosta Riesling DOC 2019

FALKENSTEIN

*From the highest vineyards owned by the Pratzner family, healthy grapes with undeniable aging potential. Left ten months in acacia wood, the olfactory profile is citrusy, dominated by candied citron, pineapple and notes from white-fleshed peach. Great minerality in the mouth. Fruity finish.*



92+



### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Riesling DOC Aristos 2019

CANTINA VALLE ISARCO

*This Aristos label represents another excellent result reached by the Cantina Valle Isarco for the Riesling wines. Manual harvest, soft crushing; then, aging on the lees, in steel, for seven months. On the nose, white-fleshed nectarine, iodized note followed by dried rosemary. On the palate, it is crispy, with beautiful density. Fruity and officinal notes on the finish.*



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## Gewürztraminer

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### Alto Adige Gewürztraminer Spätlese DOC Epokale 2013 CANTINA TRAMIN

Epochal Gewürztraminer as promised by its label, a return to the roots of its typology. Old wine-varietals near Nussbaumer farmhead. Aging of seven years in the Ridanna Monteneve Mine, at over 2,000 metres. Intense nose with scents of mango and lychee, then saffron and fresh sage in the closing. Juicy and mineral on the palate, beautiful persistence on the finish with officinal aftertaste.



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### Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Riserva Rutter 2018 PFITSCHER

From a marvellous wine-growing area located in Montagna and from a single vineyard in Egna, a Traminer of great freshness. Notes of peach and citron, touches of fresh sage at the end. Dense and equally compact palate with candied citron reappearing on the finish.



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### Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Exil 2019 BARON DI PAULI

A family with over 300 years of experience in the winemaking industry. A line of labels marked by workmanship of great accuracy. Floral bouquet, lily of the valley and rose, avocado and thyme. Exceptional richness on the palate with a proper balance between alcohol and freshness. Wonderful sapidity and persistence.



94+

### Alto Adige Gewürztraminer DOC Riserva Elyond 2017 LAIMBURG

Excellent Traminer from vineyards located in Termeno area. The nose reveals clear aromas of exotic fruits: mango and papaya, together with loquat. Great firmness on the palate with a touch of honey and yellow peach. Long-lasting persistence.



94+

### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Gewürztraminer DOC 2019 EBNER

From the subarea of Valle Isarco, this wine shows nice freshness in its olfactory profile, with notes of peppermint, green tea and pineapple in the closing. Thick palate with touches of rosewater. A final beautiful persistence.



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## Sauvignon Blanc

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### Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc DOC The Wine Collection 2017

CANTINA SAN MICHELE APPIANO

*Aged, first, in steel containers, then, tonneau for twelve months. Again, steel for a further period of twelve months. Impressive olfactory profile: lemon, citron, nectarine and pink grapefruit. Sharpness perceived in the mouth: well-balanced acidity with a citrusy and crunchy finish. Depth and great freshness.*



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### Alto Adige Terlano Sauvignon Blanc DOC Quarz 2018

CANTINA TERLANO

*Unforgettable trip around Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards situated in Terlano area. On the nose, great fruity spectrum displaying pineapple, lychee, hints of nectarine. The final olfactory profile reveals a pleasant mentholated note, then, citrus thyme. In the mouth, it is dense, firm and greatly taut. Pronounced minerality, juicy sip and very long persistence.*



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### Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc DOC Sanct Valentin 2019

CANTINA SAN MICHELE APPIANO

*Another memorable result reached by San Michele winery. Very fine nose with aromas of bergamot, yellow melon and sage at the end. The palate discovers great firmness and density. Fine and penetrating acidity. The finish discovers a great persistence with officinal notes reappearing.*



95+

### Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc Riserva DOC Mathias 2017

PFITSCHER

*A breath-taking Riserva: great nose, with clear scents of celery, cedar zest, touches of fresh thyme and toasted hazelnut on the finish. The mouthfeel is savoury, compact, with a beautiful persistence and a balsamic finish.*



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### Alto Adige Sauvignon Blanc DOC Riserva Greel 2018

CANTINA BOLZANO

*Renon, above Bolzano, at 550 metres a.s.l. A wine with an excellent olfactory profile: mango, kiwi, spicy touch from white pepper on the finish. Crunchy and dense palate. The sip is fresh with a nice minerality. Balsamic trace in the closing on the notes of eucalyptus.*



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## Pinot Grigio

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### Alto Adige Pinot Grigio DOC 2019

KÖFERERHOF

*Köfererhof has existed for 850 years, within a territory entirely devoted to wine production. This Pinot Grigio is one of the standard-bearers of the winery: crunchy, mineral as well as juicy. On the nose, candied citron and green apple, a note of officinal herbs. In the mouth, it is taut, mineral and salty with an extraordinarily long persistence.*



94+



### Alto Adige Pinot Grigio DOC Riserva Giatl 2017

PETER ZEMMER

*Borgo di Cortina, Bassa Atesina, a winery existing since 1928. A sustainable project that leads to wines with excellent incisiveness, like this Riserva. The nose recalls crunchy yellow peach, hints of sweet spices where vanilla dominates. Closing of grass-mowing. Taut mouth, beautiful persistence.*



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### Alto Adige Pinot Grigio DOC Punggl 2018

NALS MARGREID

*Successful project from a cooperative winery located in Nalles. Its products are marked by stylistic cleanliness, as proved by this Pinot Grigio. On the nose, aromas of apricot purée, lychee, a trace of fresh thyme in the background. Full and deep mouthfeel backed by a nice acidity and a great sapidity. Almond taste on the finish.*



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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Pinot Grigio DOC 2019

PACHERHOF

*Vineyards aged 25 years, all the unique sapidity that marks this terroir of Novacella. Superb nose that is both multifaceted and very fine. White flowers, a touch of yellow plum ending on almond trace. The mouth is crispy and dense with a beautiful sapidity. Closing of floral and fruity notes.*



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### Alto Adige Pinot Grigio DOP Vigna Windegg 2019

JOSEF BRIGL

*From the Caldaro area, a flawless wine. On the nose, candied orange peel, lemon and white-fleshed nectarine ending on the tones of jasmine. The mouth is dense with a mineral touch and a balsamic closing.*



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## Grüner Veltliner

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 **Mitterberg Grüner Veltliner IGT Muga Selection 2016**  
SPITALERHOF

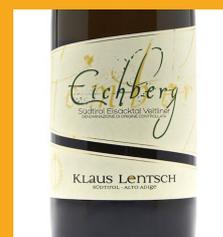
*A small winery in Chiusa, example of great workmanship, capable of bottling real gems, like this Grüner, whose nose recalls tangerine, citron and lavender, with hints of orange blossoms. Crunchy and dense palate, beautiful acidity and savoury persistence. Citrusy closing.*



94+

 **Alto Adige Grüner Veltliner DOC Eichberg 2017**  
KLAUS LENTSCH

*A winery founded in 2008 in San Paolo, near Appiano. Vineyards in the "Bassa Atesina": Campodazzo, ideal lands and perfect temperature range. The wine produced recalls green apple, white pepper on the nose, closing of oregano. Highly mineral and crispy in the mouth, led by acidity and slightly toasted finish.*



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 **Alto Adige Grüner Veltliner DOC 2019**  
CANTINA VALLE ISARCO

*Another excellent interpretation made by the Valle Isarco winery. This wine displays a nose of great finesse: yellow plum, a hint of pineapple, lime and closing of thyme. The mouthfeel is both juicy and dense with a good minerality. Exotic fruit returning at the end.*



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 **Alto Adige Grüner Veltliner DOP 2019**  
EBNER

*An estate located in the sunny plateau of Renon, just above Campodazzo, the southernmost part of the Valle Isarco. Wines of beautiful manufacture, like this Veltliner. On the nose, white currant, nectarine ending on the tones of lavender. The mouth displays a great crunchiness, length. Fruity finish.*



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 **Alto Adige Grüner Veltliner DOC 2019**  
SPITALERHOF

*Another brilliant reading offered by the Spitalerhof winery. Great elegance, tautness and stylistic accuracy on the nose: yellow-fleshed peach, lemon, spiciness from white pepper in the final olfactory profile. The mouth is both dense and juicy, with a beautiful crunchiness and minerality. Persistence on the finish.*



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## Kerner

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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2019 PACHERHOF

Another beautiful interpretation from Pacherhof, from vineyards situated in the Neustift area, about 650 metres above sea level. On the nose, kiwi and star anise with citrusy touches of chinotto. The mouthfeel is highly mineral, crunchy and fresh with citrusy notes that come back on the closing.



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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2019 KÖFERERHOF

From vineyards located in Novacella, a citrusy wine with a very distinct balsamic trace. On the nose, lime and citron with touches of fresh basil at the end of the olfaction. Greatly vibrating, taut and crunchy mouth. Citrusy notes that reappear. Mentholated closing.



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### Alto Adige Kerner DOC Riserva Libellula 2017 NIKLAS

Here is undoubtedly one of the best successful expressions of the winery situated in Caldaro. On the nose, beautiful freshness, fragrances of apricot, yellow melon with closing of chamomile. The mouthfeel is dense and round. Great balance mixed to excellent sapidity. On the finish, return on notes of yellow-fleshed fruit.



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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Kerner DOC 2019 STRASSERHOF

Neustift, one of the oldest and northernmost vineyards of the Valle Isarco, at a height between 680 and 750 m, with a great sustainable project. The nose shows a very rich texture with aromas of white peach, citron, closing on the notes of sage. The mouth is equally taut. The sip is juicy with a mentholated closing.



94+

### Alto Adige Kerner DOC Aristos 2019 CANTINA VALLE ISARCO

A cooperative winery that is about to celebrate sixty years of history. 135 producers, 150 hectares, a line of labels among which the Aristos line stands out for its finesse and interpretative strength. This Kerner shows a citrusy nose, citron, tangerine, then aromatic herbs, pennyroyal (*mentha pulegium*) and sage. Closing on the tones of asparagus. Dense and thick mouth. Mentholated taste on the finish.



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## Sylvaner

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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Sylvaner DOC Alte Reben 2018

PACHERHOF

One of the standard-bearers of this firm, deriving from a careful selection of the highest and oldest vineyards. Six months in oak give a beautiful roundness to the palate. Sophisticated nose: orange zest, yellow flowers, mango and lychee. The mouth is mineral and equally savoury. Density on the palate with closing of floral aftertaste.



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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Sylvaner 2019

PACHERHOF

Vineyards aged 35 years, 650 metres a.s.l. This product demonstrates the full potential of a wine varietal that is still trying to get its (legitimate) consecration. Beautiful elegance discovered on the nose that exudes tropical fruit, pineapple, marjoram and white flowers. Deliciously savoury in the mouth, with nice minerality and persistence.



96+

### Alto Adige Valle Isarco Sylvaner DOC Sabiona 2018

CANTINA VALLE ISARCO

A breath-taking Sylvaner that confirms the great investment made on territorial wines (especially the white ones) by the winery managed by Armin Gratl. A very small clos at 650 metres above sea level, alluvial soils mixed with diorite. The olfactory profile displays a beautiful complexity: candied citron, apricot, white flowers and basil. The mouth is taut, dense and savoury. On the finish, a fruity/official note aftertaste.



93+

### Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Sylvaner 2019

STRASSERHOF

Successful Sylvaner produced by this winery situated in Novacella. A true gem in just 3,000 bottles. Aged in steel and oak, this is a wine with an exceptional nose: grass-mowing, hawthorn, pineapple and a note of cinnamon on the finish. Dense and crispy mouth, persistence at the end.



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### Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC Sylvaner 2019

ADLER VON KLAUSEN

Successful interpretation of Sylvaner whose nose discovers hints of lemon and green apple with clear nuances of freshly cut grass in the final olfactory profile. The mouthfeel displays a great tautness and acidity with citrusy finish.



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## Blended

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 **Alto Adige Bianco DOC Appius 2016**  
CANTINA DI SAN MICHELE APPIANO

*The dream come true of Hans Terzer, an oenologist who needs no introduction. A blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Pinot Blanc this Appius is a wine of a very strong personality. A citrusy nose with nuances of yellow flowers. The mouthfeel is full and vigorous led by a supreme iodized note. Very firm and persistent on the finish.*



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 **Alto Adige Bianco DOC Grande Cuvée I Terlan 2017**  
CANTINA TERLANO

*Pinot Blanc, with the contribution of Chardonnay and Sauvignon. Left ten years on the yeasts. The initial olfactory profile is very typical with aromas of exotic fruit, above all pineapple, a closing of fresh thyme, then, the mouthfeel shows an astonishing minerality held by an equally powerful acidity. Long lasting persistence.*



98+

 **Alto Adige Bianco Riserva DOC LR 2016**  
COLTERENZIO

*The most glamorous white wine from Colterenzio's winery, inspired by the legendary Luis Raifer. A brilliant blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Sauvignon aged 12 months in wood. Nose of great finesse: yellow plum, a hint of pineapple, lime and closing of marjoram. The mouthfeel is both juicy and dense with a good minerality. Exotic fruit returning at the end.*



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 **Alto Adige Bianco DOC Stoa 2018**  
CANTINA TRAMIN

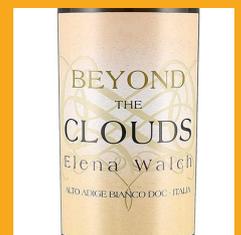
*An elegant blend of 60% Chardonnay, Sauvignon blanc, Pinot blanc, Gewürztraminer which strikes especially for its firmness. On the nose, citrusy aromas with a thick tropical note combined with a vanilla trace. The mouthfeel is wide, with an excellent flavour spectrum. In the finish a unique, very pleasant fruity note.*



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

*A blend of all the vineyard's white grapes varieties. Then, an aging of ten months in barriques. An elegant olfactory profile of exotic fruit, with a pleasant cinnamon note in the background. The mouth is clear, intense and complex with a great thickness ending accurately on an almondy trace.*



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## Sparkling wines

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 **Alto Adige Spumante DOC Riserva 600 Blanc de Blancs Pas Dosé 2014**  
KURTATSCH

*Unique geomorphological conditions characterize the village of Penone, at 600 metres a.s.l. Chardonnay grapes with great crunchiness, aged 55 months on yeasts. On the nose, aromas of white-fleshed nectarine and toasted dried fruit with acacia honey in the closing. In the mouth, fine and thin bubbles. Persistence on the finish with citrusy touches.*



94+

 **Alto Adige Spumante DOC Extra Brut Cuvée Marianna**  
ARUNDA

*Grapes located in the area of Terlano and Salorno, a cuvée made with 80% of Chardonnay, vinified in barrique, and 20% of Pinot Noir, then, 60 months on yeasts. The nose shows a complex texture: lemon confit, pineapple, brioche bread. Thickness on the palate with a nice acidity and proper balance between density and persistence.*



93+

 **Alto Adige Spumante DOC Pas Dosé 2015**  
KETTMEIR

*Blend of Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Pinot Nero from the area called "Bassa Atesina". The nose recalls crème patissière, lemon grass, balsamic closing on the notes of eucalyptus. Extremely elegant bubbles in the mouth that is both savoury and pleasantly crispy. Balsamic trace reappearing on the finish.*



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 **Alto Adige Spumante DOC Riserva Brut 2015**  
PFITSCHER

*Single-varietal Pinot NOIR displaying a comforting and multifaceted nose: white peach, hazelnut, fragrant and officinal touches in the background, due to marjoram. The palate is both dense and compact, with a savoury finish of beautiful persistence.*



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 **Alto Adige Spumante DOC Extra Brut Riserva 1919 2014**  
KETTMEIR

*From high hill vineyards, a blend made with 60% of Chardonnay, vinified in barrique, and 40% of Pinot Noir. On the nose, aromas of chinotto, yellow plums, thyme and toasted almond. Density and tautness on the palate. Very savoury with long persistence.*



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## Sweet wines

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 **Vino Bianco Le petit Manincor 2017**  
MANINCOR

*From late harvest of 100% Petit Manseng. The nose offers a nice density with recalls of bergamot, blood orange peel, tangerine and orange blossom. The palate is equally taut and intense, backed by a great acidity. On the finish, a citrusy trace reappearing.*



94+

 **Alto Adige Gewürztraminer Passito DOC Cresta 2019**  
HANS ROTTENSTEINER

*Five months on racks for this interesting Gewürztraminer, coming from the heritage of the Kristplonerhof farmstead. Aged in steel. Floral texture on the nose: rose, sage, ripe pineapple. On the dense palate, recalls of tropical fruit. Fresh and mentholated finish. Highly persistent.*



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 **Alto Adige Moscato Giallo Passito DOC Quintessenz 2018**  
CANTINA KALTERN

*100% Moscato Giallo that reveals a very sophisticated nose: orange blossom honey, dehydrated mint, orange zest with chocolate, floral finish. On the palate, density and firmness led by a pleasant acidity. Persistent finish.*



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 **Mitterberg Petit Manseng IGT Aurie 2018**  
ST. PAULS

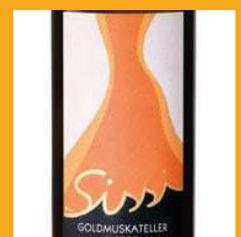
*Beautiful wine produced by single-varietal Petit Manseng. On the nose, peach and yellow plum, with closing of acacia honey. The palate shows a pleasant sapidity and density. Recalls of yellow-fleshed fruit on the finish.*



92+

 **Alto Adige Moscato Giallo Passito DOC Sissi 2017**  
CANTINA MERANO

*Moscato giallo 'with a little help' of Traminer Aromatico. Vineyards from the areas including Merano, Lana, Cermes and Marleno. On the nose, aromas of caramel, chestnut honey and date. Palate displaying wonderful thickness and density. Freshness perceived on the finish.*





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