

Kellerei Terlan



Monticol 2017



Technical data

- Alcohol content: -- %vol.
- Residual sugar: -- g/l
- Total acidity: --
- Acidity: --
- PH: --• SO2: --
- FSO2: --

Prizes

This wine has not been awarded yet

"This noble Pinot Noir flourishes at medium altitudes of 500 – 600 meters above sea-level, where downslope winds have a cooling effect even in the middle of summer. Grown in our vineyards since the middle of the 19th century, the older vines especially produce a well structured and above all elegant Pinot Noir." Rudi Kofler

Wine

- · Name: Monticol
- DOC denomination: Alto Adige
- · Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
- History: first vintage 1989
- Vintage: 2017
- Bottles produced: 33.000
- · Yield: 45 hl/ha
- Quality line: The selections





Production area

- · Country: Alto Adige DOC
- · Provenance Alto Adige
- Altitude: 500 600 m a. s. l.
- · Slope:
- Orientation:

Wine character

- Color: The Pinot Noir presents itself as a multifaceted wine on the nose, where the delicate primary fruit aromas of wild strawberries and blackberries blend with restrained aromas of tobacco and flint, and notes of white field mushrooms.
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- Taste: Well balanced with a mineral elegance that makes it dance on the palate. This red wine has a long and exciting finish.

Simple pairings

Ideal companion to saddle of venison with a red wine apple purée and quark spaetzle, poppyseed roasted saddle of sucking calf, loin of beef herb roasted in foil with potato pancakes and chestnut ragout, calf's liver in thyme butter as well as veal paillard with Mediterranean vegetables; also goes well with barley risotto, and salted and smoked venison with a cranberry sauce with horseradish.

Detailed pairings

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Cellaring and tasting advice

- Storage advice: Cool storage at constant temperatures, high level of humidity, good ventilation and as little light as possible
- Cellar temperature: 10 15 °C
- Minimum maturity: 4 years
- \bullet Serving temperature: 16 18 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Suggested glass: Burgundy glass





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Selection
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Vintage: 2017

The wine year 2017 will stay with us for a long time. It started with an exceptionally dry winter, which occasionally led to severe winter damage. A very mild spring caused a premature sprouting of the vines, which was already observable in some locations at the end of March, and progressed rapidly. As a result, the frosty night from 20 to 21 April in the valleys and the low slopes caused severe frost damage. The weather during the flowering/germination was characterized of consistently nice weather-already at this time an early harvest seemed likely. Many hours of sunshine and relatively low rainfall defined the summer months, only in August there were some major rainfalls. On August 22nd, the harvest began in the lower level vineyards. Due to the sometimes-unstable weather during the harvest, with consistent light rainfalls, it had to be interrupted and postponed, thus, the reading phase was demanding and challenging. Overall, one can speak of a quantitatively very small vintage but with good wine quality.





Wine making procedure

 Description: Manual harvest and selection of the grapes; destemming followed by slow must fermentation at a controlled temperature and gentle agitation of the must in stainless steel tanks; malolactic fermentation and aging for 12 months partly in big wooden barrels (50%) and partly in barriques using one third new barrels (50%); blending three months before bottling.

Soil

Alto Adige is one of Italy's smallest wine-growing areas. Located as it is at the interface between the Alpine north and the Mediterranean south, it is also one of its most diverse. Countless generations have shaped Alto Adige as a land of wine, where vines grow on various types of soil and in a range of climate zones at between 200 and 1,000



meters above sea-level. It is the home of authentic wines with a character of their own, with a focus on white wines: About 60 percent of the sites are planted with white varieties and only 40 percent with red.

In addition to Pinot Grigio and Gewürztraminer, it is mainly Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc that have made Alto Adige one of Italy's leading white wine regions. In the case of the reds, the range of wines includes the autochthonous varieties Lagrein and Schiava as well as such international classics as Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet. With all their variety, 98 percent of Alto Adige's wines have a DOC classification, with an impressive share of top-class wines.



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More vintages

Climate

The high peaks of the main Alpine chain protect South Tyrol from the Atlantic winds and cold northerlies, while the region benefits from the Mediterranean climate from the south. That explains the pronounced differences between day- and night-time temperatures, which are the key to full maturity and elegant wines.

To the south, a number of mountain massifs like the Adamello also have a protective function. As a result, annual precipitation is only about one-third of the average for the southern Alpine foothills, and the number of hours of sunshine is higher. The climatic conditions are not unlike those to be found in wine-growing areas like the Swiss Canton Valais.

When the sun rises behind the mountains east of Terlano on one of the year's 300 sunny days, it is already high in the sky as the wine-growing area has a westerly to southwesterly exposure. The lower atmospheric density permits more direct solar irradiation with less diffuse sunlight. That increases the difference between the slopes on the sunny and shady sides of the valley.

Microclimate in Terlano Continental climate (Cfa Köppen-Geiger)

Annual sunshine hours: ø 2135 Maximum temperatures: 38,2 °C Average temperatures: 12,9 °C Minimum temperatures: -10,7°C Annual precipitation: ø 558 mm Average global radiation: 150,1 W/m² Winds:

- North foehn: cool and dry down-slope wind
- Ora: valley wind system from the south, bringing in air from the Po Valley