



Kellerei
Cantina **Terlan**

Selection

Monticol 2015



Technical data

- Alcohol content: 14.5 %vol.
- Residual sugar: 0.6 g/l
- Total acidity: 5.7
- Acidity: --
- PH: --
- SO₂: --
- FSO₂: --

Prizes

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate	93 points
Gambero Rosso - Vini d'Italia	2 glasses
I Vini di Veronelli	92 points

"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: 2015
- 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: intensive ruby to garnet red
- Smell: 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.
- 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, poppy-seed 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
- Serving temperature: 16 - 18 °C
- Suggested glass: Burgundy glass





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Vintage: 2015

2015 will go down in the history of viticulture as hot and dry but generally a good year. As a result of a combination of high temperatures and low levels of precipitation, the water supply to the vines was at the lower limit, and the vines produced loose clusters of small grapes – ideal conditions for top quality wines.

New shoots appeared on the vines towards the end of March and beginning of April. Spring brought both a little rain and numerous days with above-average temperatures. The vines made correspondingly rapid progress, and by mid-May the first inflorescences started to blossom. In the following weeks, summer consolidated its hold and the warmest June on record for South Tyrol was followed by a July with more record temperatures and numerous nights with temperatures above 20°C. That slowed down the ripening process in the lower-level vineyards and harmonized the vegetation stages on all the sites. Irrigation measures were taken to avoid desiccation and negative effects in terms of quality. Lignification proceeded quickly and well, and the ripening of the grapes also made fast progress. Thanks to the sunny days of late summer, it was possible to start harvesting the grapes at the end of August already. The biggest challenge at this point was choosing the ideal date for the harvest to ensure that the grapes had achieved phenolic maturity and offered a good balance between sugars and acidity.



Harvest date
25 August 2015



Rainfall
538.7 mm



Hours of sunshine
2078



Temperature
12.4 °C

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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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