
Castelfeder Vernatsch “Alte Reben” Alto Adige DOC

Winery: Castelfeder
Category: Wine – Still – Red
Grape Variety: Vernatsch/ Schiava
Region: Cortina/ Alto Adige/ Italy
Vineyard: Selected vineyards on the southeast facing hillside of Breitbach, a part of the town Cortaccia
Winery established: 1969
Feature: Sustainable
Awards: 2013 87 pts WE

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Product Information

Soil: Chalk, gravel and moraine soils

Age of vines: 80 years old

Vinification & Yield: The grapes are destemmed and fermented at a constant temperature of 26-28 C for about 10 days in stainless steel tanks. During fermentation, the must is kept in contact with the skin through circulation pumping. Alcoholic fermentation is followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel. Yield 75 hl/ha.

Tasting Note: Bright ruby-red in colour, it shows fine fruit aromas as well as vinous flavours. With its light and smooth tannins and a pleasant freshness, this well-balanced wine is uncomplicated and easy-drinking

Production: 5,000 bottles

Alc: 12.5%

Residual Sugar: 2.5 g/l

Acidity: 4.8 g/l

Producer Information

A true family business started in 1969 by Alfons Giovanett. The winery is now run by his son Günther who took over the management of the winery in 1989 and at the same time, relocated the operations to the small village of Kurtinig/Cortina in the very south of Alto Adige. Today the Castelfeder Winery is in the middle of South Tyrol's southernmost vineyards, where mostly white grape varieties flourish. The administrative office however is still located in the historical center of Neumarkt. The purchase of new vineyards and close collaboration with other winegrowers in the area offer Günther new possibilities of producing great wines through careful selection of the best production areas and focused cultivation of choice varieties; a job he performs with enthusiasm. His two children are continuing the family business, Ivan in the cellar and Ines as the sales and marketing manager. On the vineyards, the Pergola trellis continues to be the classic vine training form in South Tyrol's vineyard landscape, especially in slope areas. With new plantings, however, the distance between plants today is such that optimal sunshine, ventilation, and handling are possible. With all varieties except for Vernatsch and Lagrein, more and more wire frame (Guyot) trellises are being used in the plains and in mildly sloping areas. More economical construction, lower handling expenditures, good yields, and, at times, higher quality with the correct distances between rows and measures of care are spurring more and more winegrowers to change their vineyards over to this new system. Castelfeder cultivates 125 acres of vineyards from Salorno to Bolzano.