

ELENA WALCH

2021 PINOT NERO “LUDWIG”, ALTO ADIGE DOC



WINERY

Elena Walch is a 5-generation family-run estate in Alto Adige, a region in the North-East part of Italy that led the wine quality revolution in the area and has gained a prominent international reputation. The philosophy of the estate is dedicated to its terroir – the idea that wines must be the individual expression of their soil, climate and cultivation in the vineyard – and that this must be maintained according to principles of sustainability and passed on to the next generation. The firm belief that the quality of wine is created in the vineyard requires uncompromising work, taking into account the individuality of each vineyard. With 90 hectares in cultivation, including the two top vineyards VIGNA Castel Ringberg in Caldaro und VIGNA Kastelaz in Tramin, Elena Walch belongs to the most important protagonists of Alto Adige winemaking.

WINE

The long history of the Pinot Nero in Alto Adige has accompanied the development of the wine region. Elena Walch's Pinot Nero “Ludwig” was created with the 2001 vintage, from grapes of old vines, some of which were even planted as Pergola. The small production of 10,000 bottles indicates the strict selection of the plots to produce a classic, complex Pinot Nero of the highest quality. The many national and international awards for Pinot Nero “Ludwig”, including the highest award of the 12th and 19th Italian Pinot Nero Competition in 2013 and 2020, confirm the winemaker's great commitment to this noble grape variety.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage, especially our white wines, is qualitatively excellent. A dry spring led to late flowering, followed by warm June. After an uneven midsummer, perfect weather from mid-August to September ensured optimal grape maturity. Harvest began mid-September under sunny skies, with ideal sugar levels and good acidity in the grapes, resulting in high-quality wines.

WINEMAKING

Traditional fermentation occurs in Slovenian oak vats and stainless steel tanks, followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine then matures in French oak barrels for 12 months. Since 2015, a modern fermentation cellar has allowed meticulous grape processing using gravity-fed technology and a gentle destemmer. A “cuvon” container on rails cautiously transports the grapes, preserving their quality. This state-of-the-art facility in Alto Adige, unique and possibly one of Italy's most modern, produces excellent red wines.

TASTING NOTES

“The Pinot Noir “Ludwig” presents itself with a full ruby red color and with elegant concentration and complexity. Fresh fruit notes of heart cherries and redcurrants as well as the spicy hint of pepper and elegant roasted notes characterize the bouquet. On the palate, the wine unfolds its full power and elegance with gripping tannins, a filigree structure and harmonious interplay between subtle spice and elegant freshness - with inviting length and great aging potential”

- Elena Walch

VINEYARD

Region: Italy
Appellation: Alto Adige DOC
Eco-Practices: Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Pinot Nero - estate sourced

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.5%
Residual Sugar: 1.9 g/L
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L