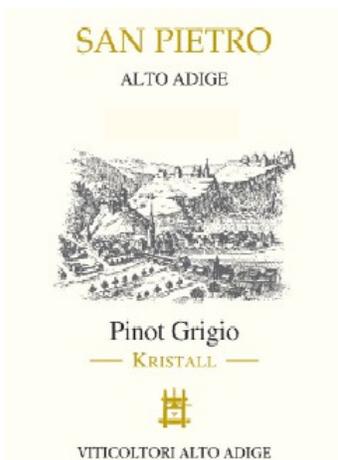


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Vineyards in Alto Adige



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TRENTINO ALTO ADIGE
Alto Adige

OVERVIEW

The Consorzio Viticoltori Alto Adige was established in 1984 as an umbrella organization representing and operating as a coordinating and consulting agency to six leading Cantine Sociali of Alto Adige. By grouping together highly-specialized and highly-qualified wineries, Viticoltori Alto Adige has initiated the most fruitful quality-oriented oenological innovation of the region, for it finally allows the very finest crus of Alto Adige to be known in their integrity. The wineries are uncompromisingly quality-oriented, and they offer outstanding quality and depth of character in their wines.

The individual wineries guarantee the genuineness of their wines, controlling the entire production process from controls in the vineyards, through the grape harvest, pressing and maturing the finished wines in the cellar. The ability to match each grape variety with its ideal microclimate and the facility to draw on the finest sites in all of Alto Adige's winegrowing areas results in wines of distinctive varietal and regional character.

Varieties: Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Schiava, Pinot Noir, Lagrein, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Total Acreage: A consortium of growers, so acreage is difficult to ascertain

Average Production: 100,000 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Cover crops reduce erosion in the steep vineyards of South Tyrol, vines are sustainably farmed and growers adhere to *lotta integrata* (only treating when absolutely necessary) for disease management.
- Vinification for individual wines takes place in various estates' cellars in order not to alter the single local specialties; all wines are bottled in the cooperative's master facility in Appiano.

WINES

San Pietro Pinot Grigio Kristall

A wine typically rich in body and extract with mild, though firm acidity. On the nose it is rich, lightly spicy with a discreet aroma reminiscent of lime tree blossom, pear and banana. It is a rich, assertive wine, full but lithe in body.

San Pietro Pinot Nero

Mouth-filling and velvety, rich though elegant in body and alcohol with supple, mild tannins, a fine varietal aroma and a delicious fruit. character.

San Pietro Schiava

A local specialty—deliciously fresh, fruity, reminiscent of cherry and blackcurrant with a discreet hint of bitter almond and violets. Harmonious and supple, yet strong, elegant, and firm in structure, it is a joyous wine meant for early consumption.

ACCOLADES

2010 San Pietro Pinot Grigio Kristall "Pale straw-green. Subdued aromas and flavors of lemon, yellow apple and pear. Fresh and simple, with racy acidity giving the wine cut and grip; but a little more concentration would have been nice too. Finishes clean and moderately persistent, gaining in flesh and complexity with aeration." -

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