
Castelfeder “Lahn” Kerner VIGNETI DELLE DOLOMITI IGT

Winery: Castelfeder
Category: Wine – Still - White
Grape Variety: Kerner
Region: Cortina/ Alto Adige/ Italy
Vineyard: Selected vineyards in the Bassa Atesina region
Winery established: 1969
Feature: Sustainable
Awards: 91 Vinous (2021)

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Product Information

Soil: Sandy limestone gravel

Elevation: 900 meter (2,953 feet)

Age of vines: 18+ years old

Vinification: Manual harvest. The grapes were softly pressed, clarified through natural gravity settling of the sediments and finally fermented in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures (18-21°C) to retain the classic aromatic qualities. Prior to bottling the wine is aged for 6 months on the fine lees in stainless steel tanks.

Tasting Note: Kerner is a cross between the German varieties Trollinger (Schiava) and Riesling, named after the German poet Justinus Kerner. This powerful white wine shows a straw yellow color, aromatic notes of yellow fruits, well-balanced, crisp acidity, complex structure.

Kerner accounts for 2% of the total wine production in Alto Adige. In local dialect „Lahn“ means avalanche. Some time ago near in the mountains near to the vineyards a mudslide went adrift and that is why the wine from these vineyards is called “Lahn”.

Production: 7,000 bottles

Alc: 13.5%

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 Cortina/ Kurtinig 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 Egna/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 as the head winemaker and director of viticulture/ production and Ines as the sales and marketing manager.

The vines thrive in the special alpine terroir with different elevations, exposures, diverse soil types and a variation of microclimates. Overall, the area is influenced by Mediterranean climate that bursts 300 days of sun per year.

Today Castelfeder cultivates 173 acres of vineyards over a 30 km stretch from Merano to Salorno. 70 % are white varieties with a concentration on Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon. The remaining 30 % are red grape varieties, and here the Pinot Noir is clearly in the focus. Since 2011 the family is also dedicated to the Mosel region of Germany, cultivating the steep slope Riesling vineyard Sorentberg. Despite new challenges such as climate change, market expansion and new trends in the wine industry, the family has managed to balance between tradition and modernity, with great sensitivity.