

Kellerei Terlan

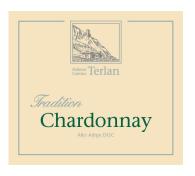
Tradition

# Chardonnay

2021



"The internationally successful Chardonnay grape is now a standard item in the vineyards of Terlano, too. As both a cuvée and a varietal, it regularly produces highly versatile wines with a pleasing freshness and a very attractive tropical fruit component." *Rudi Kofler* 



### Wine

Provenance: Alto Adige Doc denomination: Alto Adige Variety: 100% Chardonnay

**Vintage:** 2021 **Yield:** 63 hl/ha **Slope:** 5 - 70 %

**Altitude:** 260- 350 m a. s. l.

### Vinification

Manual harvest and selection of the grapes; gentle pressing and clarification of the must; slow fermentation at a controlled temperature in stainless steel tanks, aging on the lees in steel tanks for 6-7 months.

### Wine character

Color: brilliant light straw yellow

**Smell:** The aroma of this Chardonnay releases exotic fruity impressions with nuances of banana, quince, passion fruit, mango and sugar melon plus a hint of lemon balm.

**Taste:** A touch of pear gives the Chardonnay a mouthfeel that is very soft and harmonious combined with sweetish exotic fruit components. Its slightly mineral note makes this wine smooth and adds an intriguing contrast.

### Simple pairings

Ideal with a plateau de fruits de mer with raw prawns and langoustines; vegetable risotto and cream of root vegetable soups (potato, cream of celeriac); dishes with a mildly tangy cheese (e.g. a soft Robiola) including cheese dumplings and pasta dishes with cheese; also sea bass in salt or veal paillard.

# More vintages

2021 - 2020 - 2019

# Technical data

Alcohol content: 13,5 % vol Residual sugar: 1,6 g/l Total acidity: 6,1 g/l



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### Vintage: 2021

After a snowy winter, spring brought a prolonged period of exceptionally dry weather. Low temperatures in March and April resulted in very late budbreak, which protected our vines from frost damage resulting from the numerous frosty nights in April. A cool and wet May ensured a good water supply for the vines. They began to blossom on the earliest and warmest sites at the end of May to the beginning of June, two weeks later than the long-term average. June was a month of high summer temperatures and little precipitation. As a result, fungal pressure in the vineyards remained very low. July, on the other hand, was marked by heavy precipitation and thunderstorms, which continued into August in places. The average daytime temperatures in August were not too high, which was extremely beneficial in terms of the fruit and vibrant acidity in the 2021 vintage.

On the earliest sites, the grape harvest began slightly late, on September 6, and the weather remained very good almost all the time

The 2021 grape harvest was somewhat smaller in volume. But from the beginning there were indications of a very exciting vintage.



temperature 11,5°C



harvest

06th september



rainfall 769,7 mm



sunshine

## Aging

Cool storage at constant temperatures, high level of humidity and as little light as possible

Cellar temperature: 10 - 15 °C

# Suggested glass

Glass for a young white wine Serving temperature: 10 - 12 °C



### 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

### Origin

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.