

# ELENA WALCH

## 2022 GRANDE CUVÉE “KERMESSE” MMXXII VINO ROSSO D’ITALIA



### 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

Created as the red brother of Elena Walch’s white icon “Beyond the Clouds”, the Grande Cuvée “Kermesse” is a selection of the best grapes of the vintage, largely processed together to create a finesse-rich and highly complex cuvée with great ageing potential. A cuvée that opens new horizons beyond the varieties included in the Alto Adige DOC register, thus reflecting Elena Walch’s identity of ceaseless striving for quality across all borders.

### VINEYARDS

Selections from Vigna Kastelaz and Vigna Castel Ringberg.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The excellent 2022 vintage features perfectly ripened grapes from a warm, stable growing season. After an early spring flowering, the warm and dry summer produced high-quality fruit, supported by our irrigation systems. The grapes, harvested by hand starting late August, yielded wines with balanced acidity, complexity, and excellent structure.

### WINEMAKING

All grape varieties except Cabernet Sauvignon are harvested and processed together. The must ferments for 10 days in stainless steel, undergoes malolactic fermentation, and then matures 18 months in new French oak barriques. The wine then ages in a bottle before release.

Since 2015, their modern fermentation cellar has been processing grapes using gravity-fed technology and gentle handling via the Cuvon rail system. This state-of-the-art facility in Alto Adige stands as one of Italy’s most advanced cellars for premium red wine production.

### TASTING NOTES

The Kermesse blend stands out with its strong, intensive purple red color and an intensive, multilayered bouquet: spicy with light, smoky tobacco notes, some pepper and chocolate, fruity with red berries, wild berries and dried figs. Powerful, yet elegant und harmonic on the palate, with well integrated tannins, delicate toast aromas and spicy fullness, with much potential and a long finish. A wine with lots of finesse and character.

### VINEYARD

Region:	Italy
Appellation:	Vino Rosso d’Italia
Soil:	A mix of calcareous soils and sand
Exposure:	Southeast-Southwest
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	Merlot, Lagrein, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Syrah
Aging:	Matures 18 months in new French oak barriques; Then ages in a bottle before release.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14.5%
Residual Sugar:	0.9 g/L
Total Acidity:	5.6 g/L