

ELENA WALCH

2023 PINOT BIANCO 'KRISTALLBERG', 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 Pinot Bianco “Kristallberg” has been part of the Elena Walch portfolio since 2015. The goal is to find the best terroir for each grape variety, allowing for the creation of complex wines. The value of having vineyards in varied locations, altitudes, and exposures within a single estate is immeasurable, as it allows for the unique characteristics of each wine to shine through.

VINEYARDS

Climate change challenges winemakers, as shown in our Pinot Bianco production. We've bought a vineyard at 600m altitude between Tramin and Kaltern to ensure future fresh Pinot Bianco. The new “Kristallberg” Pinot Bianco, from

these high-altitude vineyards, exhibits its complex, vertical, and mineral typicity.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage was remarkable despite weather challenges. After mixed conditions in the summer, with a warm June and July and a rainy August, September brought ideal harvest weather with ample sunshine. The grapes achieved excellent ripeness thanks to warm days and cool nights, resulting in balanced acidity, clear fruit flavors, and good structure.

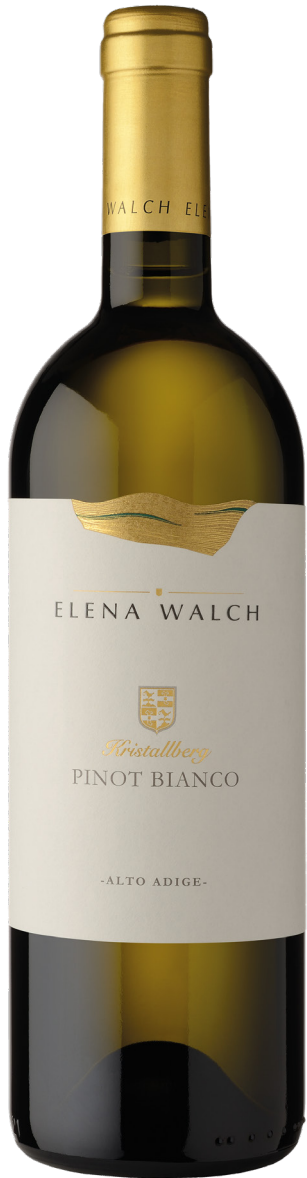
WINEMAKING

Gentle pressing, followed by a static clarification through must refrigeration. Fermentation takes place in medium oak casks of 25 hl each at a controlled temperature of 20°C and the wine matures there for another twelve months.

TASTING NOTES

“Our Pinot Bianco ‘Kristallberg’ is a mineral-rich wine. It has a bright, fresh straw yellow color and a fruity aroma with fresh pears and white stone fruits. It also has spicy notes with green walnuts and smoky and mineral aromas in the background. This wine is elegant on the palate, but also has a juicy freshness, youthful vitality, and stirring acidity. This partially barrel-fermented wine is an exciting new addition!”

- Elena Walch



VINEYARD

Region:	Italy
Appellation:	Alto Adige DOC
Soil:	Limestone soils mixed with clay and sand
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Pinot Bianco - estate sourced
Aging:	Wine matures for 12 months in medium-sized oak casks

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	1.7 g/L
Total Acidity:	6.4 g/L