

# ELENA WALCH

## 2023 GEWÜRZTRAMINER VIGNA “KASTELAZ” 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 Gewürztraminer Vigna “Kastelaz” is an international benchmark for the variety and Elena Walch for this reason has been dubbed the “Queen of Gewürztraminer” by Gambero Rosso.

### VINEYARDS

The recognized single vineyard Vigna site of “Kastelaz” dominates the landscape of the wine village of Tramin. The term “Vigna” is an additional denomination of origin, recognizing a precisely demarcated and cartographically recorded single vineyard. Sloped at an imposing 63 percent with a rare full Southern exposure, this narrowly terraced vineyard scales from 330 to 380 meters above sea level on a layered structure of loose limestone soils, interspersed with

post-glacial sand, granite and porphyry. The best elements of Alto Adige viticulture are further magnified here, as the south-facing position grants even more of the region’s ubiquitous sunshine, while strong winds and altitude engender very cool evening temperatures.

### 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

Very carefully selected, fully ripe grapes get selected, picked in two harvests. Before pressing, the crushed berries are cold macerated for 6 hours, after which the juice is clarified by refrigeration and natural sedimentation. Fermentation is activated using selected yeasts and the temperature is controlled at 18°C. The young wine remains on its lees for several months.

### TASTING NOTES

With a rich, golden yellow color and a beguilingly complex bouquet, both elegant and mineral, this wine offers aromas of roses and lychee as well as subtle acacia honey. On the palate, it is convincing and complex with an elegant structure, stimulating acidity, harmonious-spicy freshness and a delicate, vibrant and dry finish. A wine with finesse and character.



### VINEYARD

Region:	Italy
Appellation:	Alto Adige
Soil:	Loose limestone soils, interspersed with post glacial sand, granite and porphyry
Exposure:	South-facing
Elevation:	330 to 380 meters above sea level
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Gewürztraminer - estate sourced
Aging:	Ages on lees in stainless steel tanks for 6 months

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14.5%
Residual Sugar:	5.4 g/L
Total Acidity:	6.0 g/L