

ELENA WALCH

2023 PINOT NERO “LUDWIG”, ALTO ADIGE DOC



WINERY

Elena Walch is a five-generation family estate in Alto Adige, a leading force in the region's wine quality revolution with a strong international reputation. The estate focuses on terroir-driven wines that reflect their unique soils, climate, and vineyard practices, all guided by sustainability. With 90 hectares under vine—including the top sites VIGNA Castel Ringberg in Caldaro and VIGNA Kastelaz in Tramin—Elena Walch is a key figure in Alto Adige winemaking.

WINE

The long history of the Pinot Nero in Alto Adige has accompanied the development of the wine region. Elena Walch's Pinot Nero “Ludwig” was created with the 2001 vintage, from grapes of old vines, some of which were even planted as Pergola. The small production of 10,000 bottles indicates the strict selection of the plots to produce a classic, complex Pinot Nero of the highest quality. The many national and international awards for Pinot Nero “Ludwig”, including the highest award of the 12th and 19th Italian Pinot Nero Competition in 2013 and 2020, confirm the winemaker's great commitment to this noble grape variety.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage was marked by a challenging growing season with alternating warm and cool periods and some rainfall, followed by an excellent harvest. After warm June and July conditions and higher rainfall in

early August, extended sunshine allowed for long, even ripening. Harvest began in early September under ideal conditions, with warm days and cool nights producing grapes of optimal ripeness, balanced acidity, clear fruit expression, and solid structure.

WINEMAKING

Traditional fermentation occurs in Slovenian oak vats and stainless steel tanks, followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine then matures in French oak barrels for 12 months. Since 2015, a modern fermentation cellar has allowed meticulous grape processing using gravity-fed technology and a gentle destemmer. A “cuvon” container on rails cautiously transports the grapes, preserving their quality. This state-of-the-art facility in Alto Adige, unique and possibly one of Italy's most modern, produces excellent red wines.

TASTING NOTES

“The Pinot Noir “Ludwig” presents itself with a full ruby red color and with elegant concentration and complexity. Fresh fruit notes of heart cherries and redcurrants as well as the spicy hint of pepper and elegant roasted notes characterize the bouquet. On the palate, the wine unfolds its full power and elegance with gripping tannins, a filigree structure and harmonious interplay between subtle spice and elegant freshness - with inviting length and great aging potential”

- Elena Walch

VINEYARD

Region: Italy
Appellation: Alto Adige DOC
Eco-Practices: Sustainable

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Pinot Nero - estate sourced

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.5%
Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/L
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L