

ELENA WALCH

2019 “ATON” PINOT NOIR RISERVA 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 Caldarò and VIGNA Kastelaz in Tramin—Elena Walch is a key figure in Alto Adige winemaking.

WINE

Produced in limited quantities, only 3,395 bottles of Elena Walch's highest expression of Pinot Noir, “Aton,” are available. Named after the ancient Egyptian sun god who was symbolized by a sun disk, Aton represents the source of light and life.

VINEYARDS

“Aton” Pinot Noir Riserva Alto Adige DOC comes from top grapes grown at 1,250-2,000ft a.s.l. The 61-year-old vines with low yields are in Glen and Barleith, benefiting from clay and limestone soils with marl. Higher altitudes provide more light, sunshine, and freshness. The result is an elegant Pinot Noir with a fresh, expressive presence, thanks to long sunshine hours and large temperature differences.

VINTAGE NOTES

The harvest occurred on September 20th and 24th, 2019, to allow grape lots to reach optimal maturity. 2019 was a cool vintage, resulting in high-quality Pinot Noir with great complexity and balance. After a warm early spring, April and May were cooler with late flowering. June was very warm, followed by a cooler July and August. The later harvest allowed grapes to benefit from a beautiful autumn with high-temperature variations.

WINEMAKING

The hand-harvested grapes were gently, gravity-fed into small tanks in a modern cellar, preserving whole berries and delicate structure. After a 5-day cold maceration and 15-day fermentation at 23°C, the wine aged 12 months in medium-toast French oak and another 12 in steel. Bottled unfiltered on November 4, 2021, the 2019 “Aton” Pinot Noir Riserva matured for 15 months in bottle before its April 1, 2024 release.

TASTING NOTES

The Pinot Noir “Aton” exudes timeless finesse and elegance. It appears strong ruby red in the glass with subtle notes of blackberries, licorice, and fine smoke. The palate offers density, blackberries, minerality, fresh tannins, and a spicy, long finish. The 2019 vintage stands out for its complexity, structure, and excellent balance.

VINEYARD

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

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir - Estate Sourced
Aging: The wine was then aged for 12 months in medium-toast French oak barriques and 12 additional months in steel.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast: Select
Alcohol: 13.5%
Residual Sugar: 0 g/L
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L

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