

# ELENA WALCH

## 2020 “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 2020 “Aton” Pinot Noir Riserva Alto Adige DOC is crafted from select grapes grown at 400–600 meters altitude in Glen and Barleith. Sourced from low-yielding vines up to 61 years old, the vineyards benefit from clay-limestone soils and ideal sun exposure. Cool mountain conditions with strong day-night temperature shifts produce a Pinot Noir of elegance, freshness, and depth. Carefully chosen plots allow for optimal ripeness with balanced acidity, resulting in a structured, refined wine that reflects the unique character of Alto Adige.

### WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested grapes from high-altitude, northwest-facing plots were gently processed, cold-macerated, and fermented at 73°F (23°C). The wine aged 12 months in French oak and another 12 in steel, then was bottled unfiltered and matured for 15 months before release in April 2025.

### TASTING NOTES

The “Aton” Pinot Noir 2020 embodies timeless finesse and elegance, showing a deep ruby hue and a refined bouquet of blackberries, licorice, and subtle smoky notes. On the palate, it offers density, minerality, and ripe black cherry, balanced by fresh, fine tannins and a long, spicy finish. This vintage stands out for its structure and vibrant freshness—an expressive, characterful Pinot crafted with unwavering dedication to quality.

### 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 in stainless steel

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast: Select  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Residual Sugar: 0.9 g/L  
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L

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