

QUINTESSENZ

KALTERERSEE CLASSICO SUPERIORE DOC 2018

VARIETAL: Schiava

AGE OF VINES: 30 – 70 years

TEMPERATURE: 13 – 15 °C

OPTIMAL AGING: 2019 – 2024

YIELD: 55 hl / ha

TRELLISING SYSTEM: Pergola

ALCOHOL: 13.0 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.0 g/l

TA: 4.5 g/l

Contains sulphites

» “Who is this Dionysus men worship as a god? He is their greatest source of joy”. (Euripides, Cyclops 521) «

VINTAGE

Overall, the weather was very good in the 2018 wine-growing year. Precipitation in winter and spring provided sufficient moisture and thus ideal fruiting conditions. Long hours of sunshine and above-average temperatures in summer and autumn led to very dry conditions compensated by some heavy thunderstorms in August. Thanks to the optimum weather conditions in late summer, it was possible to harvest a healthy and ripe grape crop.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation on the skins at a temperature of 25 °C, 10 days extended maceration, malo-lactic fermentation and a six-month aging on the fine lees in cement tanks and large casks.

VINEYARD

Selected vineyards at St. Josef with old vines and south exposition at 230 – 500 meters above sea level. Heat absorbing, loamy, chalky gravel.

TASTING NOTES

- brilliant, deep ruby red
- fruit dominant nose reminiscent of cherry, raspberry, and strawberry, with a hint of bitter almonds
- full, soft structure, pleasant, elegant tannins give the wine length, finishes with a lingering echo of ripe fruit

RECOMMENDATION

This wine is ideal as an aperitif, an accompaniment to appetizers, or to typical Tyrolean fare such as speck and sausage, but also to lighter meats and mild cheeses.

AWARDS*

VINOUS – 2017: 91 p.

WINE & SPIRITS – 2014: Year's Best, Best Buy

GAMBERO ROSSO – 2014, 2015: 2 Bicchieri; 2013, 2016: 3 Bicchieri; 2017: 3 Bicchieri + Premio Speciale

DOCTOR WINE – 2017: 92 p.

BIBENDA – 2015, 2017: 4 Grappoli; 2016: 5 Grappoli

VINI BUONI D'ITALIA – 2015: Corona; 2016: Golden Star

LUCA MARONI – 2017: 91 p.

SPIRITO DI VINO – 2013: 91 p.

FALSTAFF – 2017: 91 p.

*till vintage 2016 Pfarrhof