

## **CANTINA KURTATSCH Pinot Bianco (Weissburgunder)**

There are mountain wines, and then there are wines from wind-swept peaks so high they seem to be grown in the sky. This is the glory of Alto Adige, a dramatic wine region in the northeast Italy, and the home to the century-old cantina of Kurtatsch. Here on the border with Austria, it is white grapes that reign supreme, grown at altitudes that top 3,000 feet. The village of Kurtatsch (Cortaccia in Italian) is particularly blessed when it comes to terroir, with a wide range of soils that suit perfectly both native and international grapes. Kurtatsch since the early 1900s has been the representative for the area's best growers and the source of its finest, most expressive wines.

WINERY: Cantina Kurtatsch WINEMAKERS: Othmar Doná

**ESTABLISHED**: 1900

**REGION:** ITALY • Alto Adige • Cortaccia

**APPELLATION:** Alto Adige DOC **BLEND:** 100% Pinot Bianco

**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards in the commune of Kurtatsch (Cortaccia) are steeply graded and sit between 1,600 and 1,950 feet in altitude, facing east/ southeast. These plots benefit from warm days and cooling evening winds from the mountain tops (called katabatic winds). Soils are mostly limestone, with some clay.

**AGE OF VINES:** 15 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermented on selected yeasts in stainless steel tank. Aged on fine lees in steel tank.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of crisp red and green apples, light citrus,

ripe pear, crushed stones. Bright, fruity, refreshing.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As an aperitif; with rich white fish; grilled chicken

