

CANTINA KURTATSCH Pinot Bianco 'Hofstatt'

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: A selection of fruit from steep vineyards in the hamlet of Hofstatt, between 1,600 and 2,000 feet in altitude, which benefit from warm days (vineyards face south) and cooling evening winds from the mountain tops (katabatic winds). Soils are gravelly limestone, with some clay.

AGE OF VINES: 20 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on selected yeasts in stainless steel tank. Aged on fine lees in 90HL neutral Slavonian oak casks.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of crisp red apples, ripe citrus and green pear, crushed stones. Medium-bodied, suave, silky.

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



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