

LA CADALORA

Santa Margherita di Ala

Situated in the town of Santa Margherita, in the southern-most part of Trentino, the estate of La Cadalora extends its 10 hectares of vineyards in two different plots: about 5 hectares on the calcareous soils close to Marco di Rovereto and the remaining 3 or so hectares in the calcareous conoid of Rio Val Cipriani at the foothills of Monte Zugna. The soils of the latter contain higher percentages of clay while the former is learner with traces of sand.

The cellars have a capacity of 300 hectoliters, all stainless steel. With the 1989 vintage began the estate's first experiments in wood aging.

In 1977 the first Chardonnay was planted, 2.5 Hectares with a population of 7.780 vines; in 1982, having verified the excellent results, 2,500 vines of Pinot Grigio were planted, with stunning results. Subsequently a new plot of Chardonnay was added, a new clone having been selected whose salient characteristic is its intensity of varietal aromas. Here the population, a first for the region, will boast 6,200 vine per hectare against the regional average of 3,000. Very small amounts of Marzemino, Traminer, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Nero are also produced.

The style of oenologist-owner Tiziano Tommasi is one after my own heart. The wines are superbly characterized by rich buttery structure and powerful varietal aromas – virtues most unusual in Italian whites, the overwhelming

majority of whose makers, (no region excepted), strive for lean, fruity steeliness marked by high acidity, whose initial elegance fades



fast.

La Cadalora represents more than the discovery of a new fine producer; it is the long sought find of a winemaker whose outlook and capacity point towards a future of truly outstanding white wines from Italy.

Trentino Alto Adige

Pinot Grigio

Zone: *Rio Val Cipriani, San Valentino*

Varietal: *Pinot Grigio*

Vineyard Ext.: *5.10 hectares*

Average Prod.: *30,000 bottles*