

La CALDALORA

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Italy

TRENTINO ALTO ADIGE
Santa Margherita di Alba

OVERVIEW

"La Cadalora" means "home of the ora" in local Trentino dialect, and refers to the south wind that blows across the region from Lake Garda. The estate owns some 10 hectares of vines, concentrated near the banks of the Adige River.

The recent history of "La Cadalora" started at the beginning of the eighties, when the brothers Rodolfo and Tiziano Tomasi became the managers of their father's property and completely changed the production philosophy. Supported by Tiziano's experience, obtained first at the Institute of S. Michele all'Adige and then in France, Tuscany, Piedmont and South Africa, the two brothers now produce excellent wines that enhance the qualities of the varietals and of "terroir" of Trentino.

Varieties:

Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay

Total Acreage:

10 hectares

Average Production:

4100 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Practicing organic winery
- Organic fertilizers nourish the soil only every 3 years, if necessary.
- Cover crops (grass cover) are left between the rows of vines to add nutrients. Between every other row, the earth is tilled to control weeds and aerate the soil.

WINES

La Cadalora Pinot Grigio

Pinot Grigio was first introduced to the Vallagarina in the Nineteenth Century. The people of Santa Margherita started to cultivate it in the 1950's, by the name of Rùlender. Winemaking is straightforward; fermentation and storage take place exclusively in stainless steel. This wine has floral scents recalling wild flowers and flint. Its taste is dry and buttery, with moderate acidity, good persistence and intensity. It is a wine that expresses its best when young. It can well endure 4-5 years ageing.

INFORMATION ON THE WINE REGION

Santa Margherita is a little village, in the province of Trentino, on the left bank of the Adige river, half way between the towns of Rovereto and Ala. It is in the heart of the Vallagarina valley, an area extending from Beseno Castle, above Rovereto, southwards as far as Ceraino Dam, and uniting a little community, bonded by strong historical, cultural and economic ties. Since Roman times, because of its geographical position, this land has been a link between different worlds and cultures. It has always appeared to have a "soul", scrupulous of its own identity, while, at the same time, caressing that Eighteenth Century spirit which is open towards Latin and European cultures.

ACCOLADES

"Straw-green with a yellow tinge. Musky aromas of apple and pear, lifted by a floral topnote. Broad and rich, with good spicy apple and pear flavors, and with a firm minerality contributing to an impression of dryness and verve. Finishes long and fresh, with building personality. I'd open this at least an hour before serving."

89 pts ~ International Wine Cellar, Sept/Oct 2011



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