

# ELENA WALCH

## Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva Vigna "Castel Ringberg" 2021

### Alto Adige DOC



Named for the Renaissance castle built there by Habsburgs in 1620 and rising up from Lake Caldaro in alternating moderate and steep slopes, the Vigna „Castel Ringberg“ is a crown jewel of the region and a monopole for Elena Walch, from where many of her award-winning, mineral-driven wines emanate. The term „Vigna“ is an additional denomination of origin, recognizing a precisely demarcated and cartographically recorded single vineyard. In addition to variable altitudes from 330 to 400 meters above sea level, Vigna “Castel Ringberg” also boasts a multiplicity of soils.

The higher perches, climbing into the “Mendel” ridge of the Dolomites, are of 30,000 year old glacial Adige River gravel, while calcareous soils with morainic substrata join loose limestone in gentler lower zones. The moderating influence of the lake and the strong afternoon drying southerly wind known as “Ora” also contribute to the balanced, elegant character of the wines, from a host of native and international varieties.

*„The Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva Vigna “Castel Ringberg” awaits you in shades of deep dark ruby red. The inviting bouquet is characterized by complex fruit aromas of wild berries, blackberries and plums, as well as spicy notes of tobacco leaf, cloves and dark chocolate. On the palate, the wine boasts a strong, fruity body, pronounced tannins, fresh acidity, juicy length with a powerful finish and great aging potential.“*

#### VINTAGE 2021

We are excited about a qualitatively excellent vintage, especially for our white wines! A dry and cool spring led to a late flowering of the vines and was followed by a warm and dry June. After an irregular midsummer, a surprising change in the weather followed in mid-August, which brought dream weather until the end of September and the very best conditions for achieving an optimal maturity of the grapes. The harvest began in mid-September, about 10 days later than last year. With blue skies and lots of sunshine, midsummer daytime temperatures and autumnally cool nights, the grapes were able to achieve ideal sugar levels while maintaining very good acidity. Accordingly, the 2021 wines show great quality!

#### VINIFICATION

Must fermentation for approximately 10 days, followed by malolactic fermentation and maturation for 18 months in French oak barriques (Limousine and Allier), almost all of which are new. The wine subsequently matures for several months in the bottle before being released. Since 2015, a state-of-the-art fermentation cellar has allowed the grapes to be processed with the utmost care, with whole-grape processing using via gravity fed technology. A highly sensitive destemmer and the gentle transport of the grapes by means of a specialized container, „cuvon“, which runs on rails, prove to be very gentle on the grapes and preserve their high quality. The state-of-the-art building is certainly unique in Alto Adige, and is probably one of the most modern fermentation cellars in Italy to produce great red wines of excellence.



Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 13,50% Vol

Appellation: Alto Adige DOC

Residual sugar: 1,1 g/L

Total acidity: 5,3 g/L

Aging: 15-20 years

Availability: 0,75 l

Harvest: Entirely handpicked