

---

ELENA WALCH

## Cabernet “Istrice” 2023

Alto Adige DOC

The Cabernet “Istrice” was the first red wine of Elena Walch. At that time consisting predominantly of Cabernet Franc and only a little Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine showed “its spines”, just like the little hedgehogs in the park of the family estate. Today, the percentage of “Istrice” has been reversed with 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and about 10% Cabernet Franc. Where it might show less of its spines, it has gained in elegance and finesse and continues to be one of Walch’s favourites.

*“The Cabernet “Istrice” impresses with an intense ruby red color and stimulating fruit aromas - red forest berries and heart cherries – on the nose, as well as the seductive spiciness of white pepper and chocolate. On the palate, the wine surprises with a refreshing fullness and structure, with elegant, precise tannins and density, as well as a long, juicy finish.”*



---

### VINTAGE 2023

We are delighted with an interesting 2023 vintage! Even though we have experienced a challenging growing season with alternating warm and cool periods with some rain, we have had a fantastic harvest season with the best possible weather conditions for ripening. After a midsummery June and July, followed by high rainfall at the beginning of August, the grapes were able to benefit and ripen for a long time from the optimal conditions with plenty of sunshine. Harvest began late in early September with ideal weather conditions which were only replaced by more unstable weather towards the end. Warm daytime temperatures and cool nights allowed the grapes to reach optimum ripeness with balanced acidity levels and clear fruit, and good structure.

### VINIFICATION

Traditional must fermentation for approximately 10 days in stainless steel tanks, followed by malolactic fermentation in large oak vats. The final wine matures for 12 months in French oak barriques and is being bottle-aged for several months before being released.

Alcohol: 14,00 % Vol.

Total acidity: 5,6 g/L

Residual sugar: 2,8 g/L

Appellation: Alto Adige DOC

Aging potential: 8-10 years

Availability: 0,75 / 0,375 / 1,5 l

