

CASTEL SALLEGG

Southwest of Bolzano, the main city of the Alto Adige, Castel Sallegg dominates a beautiful amphitheater of vineyards above the lake and town of Caldaro. Castel Sallegg has been the property of Kuenburg counts since 1851.

With its 30 hectares (74 acres) of vineyards, the castle is one of the most significant producers of estate-bottled wine in the Alto Adige. The deep cellars where the estate's wines are fermented and aged lie 3 stories below ground. The winemaking cellars were renovated few years ago and also the our vineyards went through several modifications, selecting the finest exposures and planting new vines that produce a smaller yields and the highest quality. Toward this same end, we also have converted the traditional pergolas into modern, cordon-pruned, wire-trained vineyards.

The traditional varieties of the Alto Adige, Moscato Rosa, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grow in vineyards located in a warmer area near the lake. Pinot Noir, Gewurztraminer, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc grow in higher, hillside vineyards near the castle, at an altitude of 1,300-1,500 feet above sea level. This altitude has proven to be an ideal climate for maintaining acidity and aroma over recent vintages.

The area is exposed to notable temperature fluctuations: the zone topography and adjoining lake allow warm days, while freezing temperatures in the surrounding chain of Dolomite Mountains ensure cool nights. The nearby lake creates wines of soft, ripe fruit, that sets them apart from the other wines of the Alto Adige.

We at Castel Sallegg are committed to making wines of distinctive quality and personality that respect and reflect the specific character of our climate and physical environment. The Alto Adige is a region of splendid natural beauty with an irresistible appeal to the many visitors drawn here every year. Come visit us!

Count Georg Kuenburg

