

# WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB OCTOBER 2023

*WINE: Abtei Muri Sudtirol Terlaner Weissburgunder*



*Riserva Pinot Bianco 2019*

*Varietals: Pinot Blanc*

*Viticulture Area: Alto Adige, Italy*

**Bottle Price: \$49.99 Case Price: \$539.89 plus tax**



## INTRODUCTION

The MURI-GRIES success story is due to its many committed employees and their untiring work, day in day out, in the cellar and in the vineyards. It is wonderful, fulfilling work with Nature and its produce. No two years are alike; each year confronts us with its own surprises and challenges. But always, Nature defines the rhythm. "As the winemaker at MURI-GRIES I have seen decisive developments since 1988 in terms of a consistent focus on top quality wines. For me, the opportunity to be a part of the history of Muri-Gries for a short period of time and guide the operation in the right direction is a fascinating challenge. As an enologist, I am especially motivated to position Lagrein as a varietal at the international level." "For me, the work in the vineyard means living with the rhythms of nature. As the estate manager at MURI-GRIES I am repeatedly made aware of the fact that the relationship between man and vines must base on respect for nature and the need to maintain a natural balance. No matter how much training and experience one has, the workings of nature are ultimately unpredictable. That means every wine-growing year is a year of pure excitement followed – when the goal has been achieved – by pure relaxation."

## REGION

South Tyrol, officially called Alto Adige since it became part of Italy, is the northernmost Italian wine-growing region. Despite this exposed position, Alto Adige has an excellent climate for viticulture, since from spring to fall the heat is well stored in the valleys of the Adige and Isarco rivers and is replaced at night by cold air currents from the Alps. Viticulture almost always takes place in the valleys or in the gently rolling foothills of the Alpine massifs on poor, stony soils up to 1000 meters above sea level. Due to the proximity to Austria and Germany, the grape variety list with well-known names such as Silvaner, Müller-Thurgau, Riesling and Gewürztraminer also shows many similarities to the neighbouring countries. International grape varieties such as

Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay are also represented. With Vernatsch, as well as Lagrein, there are also wines made from indigenous grape varieties with their very own characteristics. The state of the art of cellar technology is in most cases adapted to modern requirements. The white wines are fermented cool and show freshness, lots of fruit and, above all, varietal typicity. Red wines are also vinified in a modern way and show character; the best are fermented or aged in small oak barrels according to the French model. In addition to excellent family wineries, some cooperatives have also developed into absolute top wineries.



## PRODUCER

In 1845 the Benedictines moved from Muri in Switzerland to Gries in South Tyrol, where the order took over the Augustinian monastery. In so doing, they inherited a long tradition of wine-growing, which they nurtured in the spirit of a symbiosis of monastery, winery and estate that is still very much in evidence today. The result, in the 21st century, is a range of top-quality wines from MURI-GRIES like the Abtei Muri line, which has been produced from selected grapes from the very best sites since 1989. When does passion become expertise? And when does expertise generate a constant commitment to top quality wines? At MURI-GRIES all these factors are closely interconnected. Respect for our tradition, trust in the quality of our grape varieties, and our experience – these are our values, values that we combine with progress and innovation, values that define our winemaking philosophy, using modern stainless steel tanks and large wooden barrels and barriques, gentle winemaking techniques and state-of-the-art equipment. We have a clear long-standing commitment to Lagrein as a native grape variety. It is a commitment to sustainable working with a variety that feels very much at home in our monastery vineyards and flourishes accordingly. Year after year, the vines deliver increasingly impressive results. That is something we also owe to old vines planted in the 1930s, which we use to select outstanding vine material in our constant endeavour to focus on the distinctive character of Lagrein: an elegant red wine with a strong identity, both highly complex and down-to-earth – and the hallmark of MURI-GRIES.



## Tasting Notes:

From **Muri-Gries** | Pale straw color. Elegant apple aroma. Stimulating acidity with spice notes of white pepper.

## Food Suggestions:

The classic one. Pinot Bianco is a white wine that is very typical of Alto Adige. No other white variety embodies the diversity of terroir in the region as significantly as Pinot Bianco. With its elegant apple aroma and stimulating acidity, the Pinot Bianco is the perfect wine for every day and an ideal companion to cheese dumplings, white meats and poultry, seafood and grilled trout.

*Remember We Taste The Bad Ones So you don't have to! CHEERS!!!*

### Sources:

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