

St. Michael-Eppan

SANCT VALENTIN SAUVIGNON - 2015



REGION: ITALY - ALTO ADIGE



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The innovative winery situated along the Wine Route, is considered one of the best wineries in South Tyrol and Italy. St. Michael Eppan Winery, with its 355 members, 350 hectares of vineyard and 2.5 million bottles sold every year, has become renowned worldwide. The "Sanct Valentin" label alone is enough to thrill wine lovers and connoisseurs.

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Sauvignon Blanc	Planted 1989 – 2005	Limestone gravel
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THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

- The foundation was first laid in 1989 for what is arguably the most famous white wine produced at St. Michael-Eppan Winery.
- The Sanct Valentin Sauvignon has found excellent conditions at the foot of the Mendel Massif in selected vineyards that have been carefully chosen over the course of the last 20 years, in order to produce a great vintage wine with impressive fruit, minerality and excellent persistence.
- This fine wine is not only the pride of the winery today and the most important wine in the Sanct Valentin line, but also one of Italy's most award-winning white wines.
- Age of vines: 10 to 28 years

Harvest Notes

- Harvest: From the beginning to mid-September, harvest and selection of grapes by hand
- Vinification: The majority (90%) is fermented in steel tanks, inside which the wine is aged on the lees until the end of April. The remainder is fermented and aged in wood.

Winemaker's Notes

- Color: Yellow-green
- Nose: Dense nose of yellow fruit, gooseberry, elderflower and ripe red currant
- Palate: Crisp acidity, smooth body and an elegant fullness
- Pairing recommendations: An exquisite accompaniment to exclusive parties and special occasions, it pairs well with fried fish such as ocean perch, sole or char on pepper cream or with full-flavored vegetable risotto.

Technical Information

- Variety: Sauvignon
- Alcohol content: 14.5%
- Acidity: 5.8 g/L

REVIEWS

Sanct Valentin Sauvignon – 2015

91 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2016

The 2015 Alto Adige Sauvignon Sanct Valentin shows a level of intensity and clarity that represents the best side of this classic vintage. The bouquet is super fresh and fragrant and is an absolute pleasure to drink, sip after sip. The wine doesn't pretend to offer infinite complexity, but that is not the point. Instead, it promises a glitch-free expression of this fragrant grape from the cool climate of Northern Italy

90 Points - Wine Spectator, September, 2016

A creamy white, with a minerally underpinning and an aromatic mix of ripe white peach, Thai basil, honeydew melon and ground ginger flavors. Finely knit and fresh, this light- to medium-bodied version features a lasting finish of orchard blossom and spice. Drink now through 2021.

95 Points - Wine Enthusiast, March, 2017

Enticing intense aromas including exotic fruit, fragrant white wild flower, cut grass and Alpine herb offer an intriguing introduction to this stunning wine. One of Italy's most iconic bottlings, it has an inviting full-bodied palate, delivering layers of ripe pineapple, juicy white grapefruit and energizing mineral notes. Mouthwatering acidity closes the long lingering finish.

GENERAL INFO

Country	Italy
Region	Alto Adige
Appellation(s)	Alto Adige
Proprietors	350 growers
Founded	1907
Winemaker	Hans Terzer
Annual Production	40,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable, organic, biodynamic