BARON WIDMANN SAUVIGNON





Region: Alto Adige, Italy
Appellation: Alto Adige DOC
Grapes: 100% Sauvignon (Blanc)
Farming: Sustainable
Age of vines: Planted between 1991 and 2013
Altitude, Aspect, & Soil Type: 475 M, E Facing, Calcareous gravel with loamy sand
Typical Harvest Time: End of August through mid September
Maceration & Fermentation: 12 hours maceration, controlled low temperature fermentation in stainless steel with selected yeasts
Aging: 10 months in 13 hL acacia barrels, 8 months on the lees
Finishing: Fined with bentonite, filtered, cold stabilized
Production: 5,000 bottles annually

Notes from Oliver:

Andreas Widmann is a producer of very small quantities of excellent wine (in my opinion some of the best made in the Alto Adige). His beautiful old house and cellar are in the old part of the village of Cortaccia; the cellar is under the house, and the scale of it is more like home winemaking than commercial production. His family has made wine here since 1824.

Alto Adige Sauvignon (aka Sauvignon Blanc) is Italy's best rendition of this variety. Andreas follows every aspect of the grape-growing and winemaking himself, and the wines are impeccably made and full of character. Mouthwatering and savory, with hints of mountain flowers and herbs. An excellent complement to vegetable, pork, seafood, and chicken dishes.