IGNAZ NIEDRIST SAUVIGNON





Region: Alto Adige, Italy

Appellation: Alto Adige Sauvignon DOC

Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc **Farming:** Sustainable

Age of vines: Planted in 1992

Altitude, Aspect, & Soil Type: 520 M, E Facing, Porphyry/Gneiss/

Calcareous clay & lots of stones

Typical Harvest Time: Early to Mid September

Maceration & Fermentation: Controlled low temperature fermentation

in stainless steel using native yeasts

Aging: Aged in stainless steel, on the lees, for six months

Finishing: Light filtration, no fining, cold stabilized

Production: 9,000 bottles annually

Notes from Oliver:

Ignaz Niedrist is one of the most respected small producers in the Alto Adige. The wines are very expressive, brilliantly made examples of their type. His jewel of a cellar, which has been in the family for over 170 years, is just off the 'Wine Road' that runs through the important villages south of Bolzano, and his vineyards are mostly clustered around the cellar.

The Alto Adige produces some of the most distinctive examples of Sauvignon anywhere, and Ignaz's Sauvignon is textbook. Shows very varietal specific aromas of herbs, gooseberry, and a hint of apricot; these aromas carry through onto the palate, which is rich but with excellent fresh acidity; very long finish. Great with seafood or cured meat antipasti.