

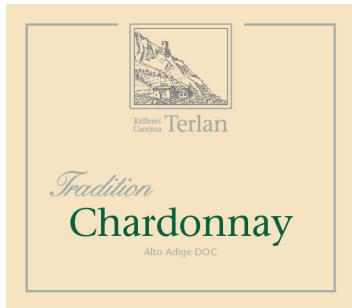
Kellerei  
Cantina **Terlan**

Tradition  
**Chardonnay**  
2019



"The internationally successful Chardonnay grape is now a standard item in the vineyards of Terlano, too. As both a cuvée and a varietal, it regularly produces highly versatile wines with a pleasing freshness and a very attractive tropical fruit component."

Rudi Kofler



### Wine

**Provenance:** Alto Adige  
**Doc denomination:** Alto Adige  
**Variety:** 100% Chardonnay  
**Vintage:** 2019  
**Yield:** 63 hl/ha  
**Slope:** 5 - 70 %  
**Altitude:** 260- 350 m a. s. l.

### Vinification

Manual harvest and selection of the grapes; gentle pressing and clarification of the must; slow fermentation at a controlled temperature in stainless steel tanks, aging on the lees in steel tanks for 6 -7 months.

### Wine character

**Color:** brilliant light straw yellow  
**Smell:** The aroma of this Chardonnay releases exotic fruity impressions with nuances of banana, quince, passion fruit, mango and sugar melon plus a hint of lemon balm.  
**Taste:** A touch of pear gives the Chardonnay a mouthfeel that is very soft and harmonious combined with sweetish exotic fruit components. Its slightly mineral note makes this wine smooth and adds an intriguing contrast.

### Simple pairings

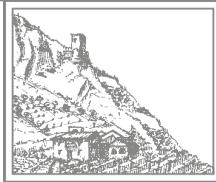
Ideal with a plateau de fruits de mer with raw prawns and langoustines; vegetable risotto and cream of root vegetable soups (potato, cream of celeriac); dishes with a mildly tangy cheese (e.g. a soft Robiola) including cheese dumplings and pasta dishes with cheese; also sea bass in salt or veal paillard.

### Technical data

**Alcohol content:** 13,0 % vol  
**Residual sugar:** 1,4 g/l  
**Total acidity:** 6,1 g/l

### Ratings

**Robert Parker's Wine Advocate :** 92 points  
**James Suckling :** 91 points



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### **Vintage: 2019**

In 2019 the growing season was extremely varied. It began with a dry and warm March followed by a changeable April and a rainy, very cool May. This long period of cool weather led to very slow development in the vines and slightly delayed flowering until early June. This was followed by a hot month of very summery weather in June, with an extreme heatwave with record temperatures approaching the 40° centigrade mark. These conditions promoted fast and luxuriant growth in the vines. In the following months of July and August, temperatures were more moderate. There were occasional thunderstorms, which provided welcome relief from the heat on the one hand but were also accompanied by heavy hail on the other, and that caused a lot of damage, especially in the Bozen-Gries area. The harvest began in the first week of September which, looking back over the last 10 years, was slightly late. Beautiful autumn weather enabled the grapes to achieve full maturity, which gives promise of a good 2019 vintage.

 **temperature**  
12.6°C

 **harvest**  
3 september  
2019

 **rainfall**  
998.6 mm

 **sunshine**  
1,961 h

### **Aging**

Cool storage at constant temperatures, high level of humidity and as little light as possible

**Cellar temperature:** 10 - 15 °C

### **Suggested glass**

**Glass for a young white wine**

**Serving temperature:** 10 - 12 °C

### **Climate**

The high peaks of the main Alpine chain protect South Tyrol from the Atlantic winds and cold northerlies, while the region benefits from the Mediterranean climate from the south. That explains the pronounced differences between day- and night-time temperatures, which are the key to full maturity and elegant wines. To the south, a number of mountain massifs like the Adamello also have a protective function. As a result, annual precipitation is only about one-third of the average for the southern Alpine foothills, and the number of hours of sunshine is higher. The climatic conditions are not unlike those to be found in wine-growing areas like the Swiss Canton Valais.

When the sun rises behind the mountains east of Terlano on one of the year's 300 sunny days, it is already high in the sky as the wine-growing area has a westerly to southwesterly exposure. The lower atmospheric density permits more direct solar irradiation with less diffuse sunlight. That increases the difference between the slopes on the sunny and shady sides of the valley.

#### **Microclimate in Terlano**

Continental climate (Cfa Köppen-Geiger)

Annual sunshine hours: ø 2135

Maximum temperatures: 38,2 °C

Average temperatures: 12,9 °C

Minimum temperatures: -10,7°C

Annual precipitation: ø 558 mm

Average global radiation: 150,1 W/m<sup>2</sup>

Winds:

- North foehn: cool and dry down-slope wind

- Ora: valley wind system from the south, bringing in air from the Po Valley

### **Origin**

Alto Adige is one of Italy's smallest wine-growing areas. Located as it is at the interface between the Alpine north and the Mediterranean south, it is also one of its most diverse. Countless generations have shaped Alto Adige as a land of wine, where vines grow on various types of soil and in a range of climate zones at between 200 and 1,000 meters above sea-level. It is the home of authentic wines with a character of their own, with a focus on white wines: About 60 percent of the sites are planted with white varieties and only 40 percent with red.