**KALTERN**
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# SAUVIGNON

## DOC 2023

*VARIETAL:* Sauvignon

*AGE OF VINES:* 5 – 30 years

*TEMPERATURE:* 8 – 10 °C

*OPTIMAL AGING:* 1 – 4 years

*YIELD:* 70 hl/ha

*TRELLISING SYSTEM:*
Wire-trained + Pergola

*ALCOHOL:* 13.0 %

*RESIDUAL SUGAR:* 2.5 g/l

*TA:* 6.2 g/l

Contains sulphites

## VINTAGE

The 2023 winegrowing year was marked by fluctuating weather conditions, necessitating increased work in the vineyard. A winter with sparse snowfall and a warm March prompted an early onset of vegetation. April followed typical patterns, but May was rainy, affecting flowering, which occurred close to the long-term average. June experienced instability, with heatwaves and periods of drought. July saw significant rainfall accompanied by some exceptionally hot days. Despite extreme temperature fluctuations in August, a golden autumn yielded a successful grape harvest with overall excellent grape quality.

## VINEYARD

The vineyards are located on south and east-facing slopes at an altitude of 300 to 450 meters above sea level. The soil consists mainly of limestone gravel, which is loamy and well-drained.

## VINIFICATION

Vinification begins with destemming ripe and healthy grapes. This is followed by a brief cold maceration, then pressing and natural must clarification. Fermentation then takes place at controlled temperatures of 16 to 18 °C, followed by 4 months of ageing on the fine lees in stainless steel tanks.

## TASTING NOTES

– light straw yellow color
– vibrant freshness of elderberry and gooseberry, with hints of exotic fruits
– the palate is clear and juicy with fruit, followed by mineral crispness, leaving a lingering sensation reminiscent of a fruit orchard.

## RECOMMENDATION

This Sauvignon pairs excellently with asparagus, grilled vegetables, fish, and goat cheese. It is also an excellent aperitif wine.

## AWARDS

*ROBERT PARKER* – 2019: 90 p., 2020: 92 p., 2021: 90 p.

*JAMES SUCKLING* – 2020: 92 p., 2021: 90 p.

*WINE ENTHUSIAST* – 2019: 91 p. – Editors Choice

*CONCOURS MONDIAL DU SAUVIGNON* – 2019: Gold, 2023: Silver

*JAPAN WINE CHALLENGE* – 2019: Gold, 2020: Gold