

## STERN

### SAUVIGNON DOC 2018

**VARIETAL:** Sauvignon Blanc

**AGE OF VINES:** 10 – 20 years

**TEMPERATURE:** 10 – 12 °C

**OPTIMAL AGING:** 2019 – 2024

**YIELD:** 60 hl / ha

**TRELLISING SYSTEM:** Wire-trained

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5 %

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 2.0 g/l

**TA:** 6.2 g/l

Contains sulphites

» Fragrances that enfold as discreetly as a sunny morning. «

#### VINTAGE

Overall, the weather was very good in the 2018 wine-growing year. Precipitation in winter and spring provided sufficient moisture and thus ideal fruiting conditions. Long hours of sunshine and above-average temperatures in summer and autumn led to very dry conditions compensated by some heavy thunderstorms in August. Thanks to the optimum weather conditions in late summer, it was possible to harvest a healthy and ripe grape crop.

#### VINIFICATION

Destemming of ripe and perfectly healthy grapes, ten to eighteen hour cold maceration before pressing, natural must clarification, and a slow, controlled fermentation at 16 °C (20 % in big barrels), six-month ageing on the fine lees, followed by filtration and bottling in April.

#### VINEYARD

Vineyard sloping to the southeast at 450 – 500 meters above sea level, situated on sunny slopes and provide cool nights during the ripening period, which helps to build fresh aromas and maintain a refreshing acidity. Sandy, loamy conglomerate soil on bedrock (porphyry and granite).

#### TASTING NOTES

- light, straw-yellow
- elderberry, cassis and exotic fruit on the nose, with subtle gooseberry overtones
- fruit also present on the palate, sweet – sour, good length with a fruit-dominated finish

#### RECOMMENDATION

This wine pairs well with light appetizers, fish dishes and also as an aperitif.

#### AWARDS\*

**ROBERT PARKER** – 2015: 91 p., 2017: 90+ p.

**JAMES SUCKLING** – 2016: 91 p., 2017: 92 p.

**VINOUS** – 2012: 90 p.

**GAMBERO ROSSO** – 2008, 2010-2015: 2 Bicchieri; 2016: 2 Bicchieri rossi

**BIBENDA** – 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017: 4 Grappoli

**DOCTOR WINE** – 2014: 91 p., 2015: 93 p.; 2016: 92 p.

**SAUVIGNON BLANC MASTERS** – 2014: Gold

**I VINI DI VERONELLI** – 2015: 90 p.

**LUCA MARONI** – 2015, 2016: 93 p., 2017: 92 p.

\*till vintage 2015 Premstaler