

STERN

SAUVIGNON DOC 2023

VARIETAL: Sauvignon Blanc

AGE OF VINES: 10 – 20 years

TEMPERATURE: 8 – 10 °C

OPTIMAL AGING: 1 – 6 years

YIELD: 60 hl/ha

TRELLISING SYSTEM:
Wire-trained

ALCOHOL: 14.0 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.0 g/l

TA: 6.3 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 a south-east facing, sun-drenched slope at 450 to 500 meters above sea level. During the ripening period, cool nights ensure excellent fruit development and acidity preservation. The soil consists of sandy, loamy marl resting on primary rocks such as porphyry and granite.

VINIFICATION

An 8-hour cold maceration is preceded by pressing and natural must clarification. This is followed by slow fermentation at a controlled temperature of 18 °C, with 80 % of the wine being fermented in stainless steel and 20 % in large wooden barrels. After fermentation, the wine is aged for 6 months on the fine lees.

TASTING NOTES

- light, straw-yellow color
- 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

Sauvignon Stern pairs well with asparagus dishes, light pasta creations, grilled vegetables and fish dishes. It is also very suitable as an aperitif wine.

AWARDS

ROBERT PARKER – 2018: 91 p.; 2020: 92 p., 2021: 93 p., 2022: 92 p.

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

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THE WINE JOURNAL – EROS TEBONI – 2020: 93 p.

SAUVIGNON SELECTION – 2023: SILVER