

Castelfeder  
SÜDTIROL ALTO ADIGE



Breitbacher  
VERNATSCH

SCHIAVA



### Alto Adige Wine Region of Italy

## Castelfeder Vernatsch "Breitbacher" ALTO ADIGE (ITALY)

Originally founded in 1970 by A. Giovanette, then taken over by his son, Günther Giovanett in 1985. Continuing in the same tradition as his father, Günther still has close contact with winegrowers, careful selection of the best production areas and well-aimed cultivation of choice varietals

**Grapes:** Schiava

**Viticulture:** Chalk, gravel and moraine soils. Pergola system in the Breitbacher vineyard.

**Vinification:** Stainless steel with some malolactic fermentation.

**Alcohol:** 12.5% vol.

**Appearance:** Bright ruby red

**Palate:** Rich with fruit- ripe cherries, strawberries, red currants, black currants, and almonds, Notes of vinous character- nettles and forrest floor. Rich tannins and structure yet medium to light in body.

**Pairing:** Traditionally best with Speck! Salumi, cheeses, grilled salmon, pastas and light appetizers.

**Climate:** Being the most northern region in Italy, Alto Adige has very cold winters (January temperatures average about 32 degrees F) and warm summers (average July temperature is about 84 degrees F).

This region is situated amongst the Alps, and has some of the steepest vineyards in the world (some as high as 3,600 feet in elevation!) This region produces a wide variety of grape varietals that include: teroldego, lagrein, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, riesling, kerner, pinot bianco and schiava grigia. The best wines from this region have focus, grip, and a solid presence. There is also a quickly growing sparkling wine industry in this region as chardonnay is prolific throughout the region.

The region of Alto Adige is completely land locked, with the river Adige running through it (the second largest in Italy). Even with such steep hills, vineyards are located throughout the region. Historically, wine has been produced here since Roman times. Once part of Germany

Vernatsch (aka Schiava or Trollinger ) translates to local and is a red German/Italian wine grape variety that was likely first originally cultivated in the wine regions of South Tyrol and Trentino. Trollinger has moderate acidity and tends to produce light bodied wines with fruity strawberry and subtle smoky notes.