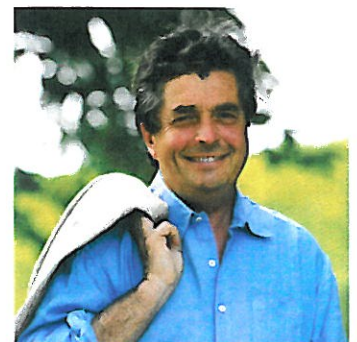


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92 Cantina Terlano Chardonnay Alto Adige 1996 \$120 A lovely Chardonnay, very elegant, delivering subtle notes of yellow apple, dried flowers, almond and lanolin, all underscored by spicy, integrated acidity. There's a vibrancy here that resonates for a long time after the first sip, and draws you back for another. This limited-release bottling was aged for one year on the lees in large oak casks and then an additional nine years on the fine lees in stainless-steel vats. Drink now through 2016. 10 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Alois Lageder Alto Adige Löwengang 2007 \$40 A smoky thread runs through this rich white, alongside flavors of green apple, pear, lemon peel, brine, honeysuckle and almond. This is finely textured, finding good balance between crisp acidity, fresh flavors and a richer profile, with a lingering, smoky finish. Chardonnay. Drink now through 2017. 4,375 cases made.—A.N.

90 Cantina Tramin Gewürztraminer Alto Adige Nussbaumer 2009 \$40 A creamy, focused white, layered with lychee, crystallized pineapple, honeysuckle and honeysuckle flavors. Tangy acidity balances the rich flavors, and stone, smoke and spice notes weave in and out through to the lingering finish. Drink now through 2018. 42 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Elena Walch Alto Adige Beyond the Clouds 2008 \$57 A rich, dry white, layering peachy overtones with Jonagold apple, quince, orange peel, almond and ample spice notes. Boasts a lot of flavor in an elegant package, with good focus. A latent juicy push creates a mouth-watering impression on the finish. Mostly Chardonnay. Drink now through 2018. 200 cases imported.—A.N.

89 Abbazia di Novacella Veltliner Alto Adige 2009 \$24 This white is backed by firm acidity, but sports a creamy texture and tangy flavors of pineapple, pink grapefruit and green mango. Dry and juicy, layered with smoke and stone, showing a floral note on the finish. Drink now through 2019. 50 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Cantina Andriano Sauvignon Blanc Alto Adige Floreado 2009 \$22 Ripe fruit flavors of fig and papaya add a juiciness to this wine, mixing with notes of hot stone, black licorice, acacia blossom and lemon curd. There's good focus and bright acidity, resulting in a lip-smacking finish. Drink now through 2014. 200 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Alois Lageder Müller-Thurgau Alto Adige 2009 \$18 An aromatic dry white, with stargazer lily hints running through the Gala apple, green pear and lemon curd notes. Fresh and clean, with a lightly spiced finish. Drink now through 2014. 4,580 cases made.—A.N.

88 Cantina Terlano Pinot Bianco Alto Adige Vorberg Riserva 2007 \$28 The lacy texture of this white shows off layered quince paste, yellow apple, bread dough, almond and fennel seed flavors. Subtle acidity frames the wine, and a streak of minerality runs through to the moderate, smoke-tinged finish. Drink now through 2016. 400 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Cantina Tramin Pinot Grigio Alto Adige Unterebner 2009 \$31 A creamy white, with aromatic lily and anise notes playing off of the apricot, orange sorbet and pink grapefruit zest flavors. There's a smoky, stony hint throughout, lingering on the lightly juicy finish. Drink now through 2013. 120 cases imported.—A.N.

87 Abbazia di Novacella Pinot Grigio Alto Adige 2009 \$24 This delicate white shows a pleasant juiciness behind the yellow apple, anise and white peach flavors. A stony note marks the modest finish. Drink now. 800 cases imported.—A.N.

87 Cantina Terlano Alto Adige Terlaner Classico 2009 \$21 A floral, aromatic white, enlivened by bright, tangy acidity, with flavors of mango, clementine, pineapple and green apple. There's a nice spicy undertow and a touch of smoke on the finish. Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now through 2012. 1,800 cases imported.—A.N.

87 Cantina Terlano Pinot Grigio Alto Adige 2009 \$23 A delicate white, displaying layered flavors of white peach, ripe pear, orange zest and spring blossom, with subtle acidity. Silky, with a lightly honeyed finish. Drink now. 4,400 cases imported.—A.N.

85 Alois Lageder Chardonnay Alto Adige 2009 \$14 Light-bodied and juicy, there's a smoky undertow to the hints of white peach and lemon zest in this modest white. Drink now. 15,000 cases made.—A.N.

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Trentino-Alto Adige / Vigneti delle Dolomiti White

90 Alois Lageder Vigneti delle Dolomiti Contest Casòn Hirschprunn 2008 \$35 A refined, lacy-textured white, offering layered flavors of white peach, yellow apple, freshly ground spices and lemon zest, with hints of stone, smoke and honey. There's a subtle intensity to the acidity, which builds to the lingering finish. Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Viognier. Drink now through 2018. 835 cases made.—A.N.

90 Zeni Vigneti delle Dolomiti Sorti 2008 \$45 A rich, dry white, with a core of spice accenting layered flavors of baked apple, crystallized honey, pastry, marzipan, smoky stone and tangy tangerine. This shows subtle integration and an overall sense of elegance. Pinot Bianco and Riesling. Drink now through 2018. 700 cases made.—A.N.

88 Foradori Vigneti delle Dolomiti Myrto 2009 \$27 Apple cider, cherry pit, almond and candied citrus peel flavors are layered in this dry, smoky white. Subtle, with unique character and a modest finish. Manzoni Bianco (Incrocio Manzoni). Drink now. 800 cases made.—A.N.

88 Zeni Müller-Thurgau Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2009 \$26 A dry white, with good cut to the flavors of juicy yellow apple, quince, black licorice and candied orange peel. There's a spicy undertow, with a fresh, lip-smacking finish. Drink now through 2014. 600 cases made.—A.N.

87 Mezzacorona Moscato Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2010 \$9 A very aromatic and lightly honeyed white, and although just off-dry, this is balanced by fresh acidity. Ripe apple and papaya flavors play off honeysuckle, white pepper and lemon zest notes. Modest, tangy finish. Drink now. 50,000 cases made.—A.N.

86 Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2009 \$15 There's good cut to this bright white, framing smoky persimmon, lime zest, spring forest and stone flavors. Light-bodied and easy to enjoy, with a fresh finish. Drink now. 18,340 cases made.—A.N.

86 Mezzacorona Chardonnay Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2010 \$9 See Best Values, page 105.

85 Alois Lageder Pinot Bianco Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2009 \$14 An easy-drinking white, offering pleasant yellow pear, Gala apple and red licorice flavors. Fresh and clean, with a bright finish. Drink now. 5,400 cases made.—A.N.

84 Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2010 \$10 Light-bodied, offering a smoky undertow to the crisp flavors of green apple, pear and lemon zest, with a tangy finish. Drink now. 1,000,000 cases made.—A.N.

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