

# klosterhof

## WEINGUT



## NUSSBAUM MERLOT RISERVA Alto Adige DOC

In the glass, our full-bodied Merlot Riserva 'Nussbaum' features a rich, crimson hue. Its bouquet discloses dark fruits of the forest such as bramble and wild cherry, accompanied by delicate nuances of liquorice. The Merlot Riserva is full-bodied and long-lasting on the palate, with delicate toasted aromas.

The grapes for this wine thrive in our Trifall-Feigenhof vineyard. In close vicinity to the Klosterhof, the south-facing site is located at an elevation of 430 meters. Owing to the presence of limestone, the soil here has a high clay content. This gives the wine length and weight. The name of our Merlot Riserva, 'Nussbaum' (nut tree) was inspired by the 100-year-old walnut tree growing at the edge of the estate.

We generally harvest the fully ripe grapes at the beginning of October. To protect the fruit and ensure the very highest quality, the grapes are hand-picked and transported in small crates with a maximum capacity of 18 kilograms. After being destalked and hand-sorted on a table, fermentation takes place in large wooden barrels. We furthermore select loose, small grapes and dry these in the open air for three weeks before vinifying them separately. Maturation in French barrique barrels lasts 12 months, after which blending takes place and the wine ages for a further 6 months in large wooden barrels before being bottled.

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