

White Wine from Alto Adige

Thursday 4th November

Northern Italy, and more especially from the region called Alto Adige, is an area often overlooked by the British tasting public - preferring the wines from areas like the Loire or New Zealand. Many years ago when people were drinking Liebfraumilch or Piesporter, I discovered that this area offered a different taste from what I believe was a more boring Germanic wine.

Alto Adige produces wines which are produced mostly by small family-owned and managed wineries that sell their product locally with limited exports mainly to Germany and Austria. These wines from Northern Italy have found their niche, both in Italy and abroad, among wine drinkers who look for reasonably good and affordable wines for daily enjoyment. I attended an Alto Adige tasting in April and went to Lake Garda in June to research wines from the area (see what hardships us wine consultants have to endure to bring you great tastings!)

The selection of wines will be decided nearer the event, but the wines from **Elena Walch** will hopefully be included. I will especially try to obtain their "**Beyond the Clouds 2008**" which is in very short supply and priced at over £30 plus possibly some of the following:

Elena Walch – Alto Adige

1. ***Pinot Bianco, 2008***
2. ***Sauvignon Castel Ringberg, 2008***
3. ***Gewurztraminer Kastelaz, 2008***

Also:

4. ***Monteforte Passo Avanti, Soave, 2007***
5. ***St Michael-Eppan Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige, 2008***

A selection of hot and cold canapés will be provided to fend off the hunger pangs, as no dinner will be made available after this tasting. The final selection will be made nearer the date but will include such mouthwatering delicacies as Carpaccio of Beef with Horseradish Cream on a Toasted Focaccia, Glazed Goats Cheese and Ratatouille, Crostini Spanish Tortilla with Manchego Cheese and Red Pepper Pesto, Satay Chicken with Peanut Sauce.

Venue:	The Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, W1J 5JD	
Nearest tube:	Green Park	
Mobility Rating:	2	
Time:	7.00pm prompt	
Dress:	Lounge Suit	
Price:	Members and first guest £33.00	Additional Guests £35.00
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