

Baron Di Pauli



ARZIO CONSUL 2015

MERLOT
RISERVA DOC

COMPOSITION:	Merlot	ALCOHOL:	14,0 %
YIELD:	35 hl/ha	ACID:	4,6 g/l
BOTTLES:	1.800	RESIDUAL SU.:	1,5 g/l



MINISTERS OF THE HABSBURG EMPIRE

In 1898 und 1899 Josef Baron Di Pauli Freiherr von Treuheim was Minister of Foreign Trade in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. As such he built an international trade network for the Habsburgs, which also helped him sell the Di Pauli wines to far away places including the court of the Tsar of Russia. In his home village of Kaltern he is still held in high esteem today because he sold his family's title to Lake Kaltern to the local authority on 20 April 1901.

VINTAGE

Summer 2015 was characterized by higher than average temperatures and lack of rainfalls. The weather situation induce us to an early harvest epoch thoughts. The heat, however, did slow the grapes development therefore we had an average harvest's epoch which began on September 1 and ended on October 27. We immediately recognize the potential of an absolutely promising vintage when we saw the grapes quality brought to the cellar.

VINIFICATION

Spontaneous fermentation in the wooden fermentation vat; three-week mash maceration; placed into the new wooden barrels. (70% new oak) in early-November; spontaneous malolactic fermentation; 18 months in small barrels with two racking; bottled in July of 2017, with a light filtration.

LOCATION/SOIL

Arzenhof, hill between 800 and 1,300 feet above the western side of Lake Kaltern. Talus cone sloping to the southeast, with calcareous gravel, porphyry, and quartz sand and sufficient loam. Mediterranean microclimate.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red. Multifaceted bouquet with aromas of dried plums, blueberries and mint. Equally fruity but also spicy on the palate with toasty aromas. Well structured, long and complex but at the same time elegant in the finish.