

Baron Di Pauli



ARZIO DOC 2016

MERLOT - CABERNET
RISERVA DOC

COMPOSITION:	60% Merlot	ALCOHOL:	14.5 %
	40% Cabernet	ACID:	5.2 g/l
YIELD:	35 hl/ha	RESIDUAL SU.:	1.5 g/l
BOTTLES:	7,800		



NOBLESSE OBLIGE

Nobility entails duties and responsibilities. Reinterpreting a classic is more than mere provocation. It is a sublimation of the distinguishing characteristics of the territory and the pursuit of a classic ideal in an eclectic style. This committed wine project, rooted in the history of the superb Arzenhof vineyards, yields an intense, uniquely enthralling wine.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage produced numerous surprises. The mild spring was succeeded by a frigid April that initially brought growth to a standstill. Constant hard work in the vineyard ensured that the situation was kept under control. A changeable start to the summer was followed by sunny days in late August and September. The grape harvest began in mid-September. The white wines are distinguished by a pleasant aroma supported by a well-structured acidity, while the red wines are marked by their powerful fragrance and matching.

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

Bright ruby red in the glass with a multi-layered aromatic profile combining fresh cassis and cranberries with slightly balsamic and earthy, fleshy notes reminiscent of coffee and eucalyptus. Firm and powerful on the palate with hints of dark berries and peppery notes, soft, very fine-grained tannin. Delicate and slightly minerally finish with lots of finesse.