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TUSCA EDIZIONI

Franz Haas



A keen critical sense is obviously of fundamental importance in any profession, and it can safely be said that few producers in Alto Adige, indeed in all of Italy, possess such a finely honed critical sense as Franz Haas. A critical sense applied principally to his own work, but nothing could interest him less than the all too frequent habit among Italian producers of belittling or denigrating the work and the wines of neighbors and colleagues. Haas has very firm ideas about the potential of his own vineyards, of the possibilities which offer the various grapes he cultivates, and for decades has been chasing the elusive goal of perfection in the realization of the full potential of his estate. An obvious impossibility, but a necessary objective in the relentless battle to achieve the maximum. The vineyards of the house are located on the eastern bank of the Adige river, and produce, in Haas's ample line, the series of varietal wines which are part

of the patrimony of the region: Pinot Bianco, Gewürztraminer, Merlot, Moscato Rosa, and Pinot Noir, the latter two (and particularly the last) the agony and the ecstasy of the producer's professional life, a grape and a wine which, for him,

are a sort of Holy Grail, to be endlessly pursued but without any certainty of arriving at the goal. But, in more successful vintages, it is an excellent wine indeed, and the Lagrein is certainly one of the more eminent examples of what this variety can achieve outside of the classic zone to the west of the city of Bolzano. Haas reveals his talents in the cellar, in the art of the blend in addition to that of the expert cultivator, instead, in the complex red and white offerings in the line: Istante, with the unmistakable Bordeaux profile of well made Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot, and Manna, which combines Sauvignon, Riesling, Chardonnay, and Gewürztraminer.



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