

Franz Haas,

## `Pònkler` Single Vineyard Pinot Nero 2018

Alto-Adige, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Pinot Nero</b>
Winemaker	<b>Franz Haas</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.3g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>6g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.49</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

### PRODUCER

The Haas family has been growing grapes in Montagna in the province of Bolzano in the Alto Adige for generations. However, it is only with Franz, who died prematurely in 2022, that they began to produce and bottle quality wines. Franz studied at Geisenheim before working as a broker of Italian wines into the German market. After several years, he took over the running of the family business. Franz went to tremendous lengths to grow good grapes and strived to preserve the flavours of the fruit during winemaking. As a result, the wines that are produced today are infused with great character and show a rare purity and balance on the palate.

### VINEYARDS

Ponkler is a vineyard located at 750 meters above sea level and facing south and southwest. The soil is predominantly weathered volcanic porphyry. Vines here were planted in the year 2000 from a selection of French clones, which have proven to be very suitable for high altitudes. The vines are trained with Guyot method at high density.

### VINTAGE

After a very difficult 2017, the 2018 vintage was an excellent harvest in terms of quality and quantity. Heavy rainfalls in spring meant a lot of work in the vineyard to maintain vine health, but the rain stopped in June and made way for a warm and dry summer. September and October saw perfect weather which allowed for a spectacular harvest.

### VINIFICATION

The fermentation of the grapes took place in open-top stainless steel tanks. During this process the floating cap of grape skins was gently and frequently plunged to allow maximum extraction of colour and flavours. At the end of the fermentation the wine was transferred into barriques for malolactic fermentation. The wine matured there for 12 months and then in bottle for several years before release.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose this wine has intense aromas of ripe red and black berries underpinned by star anise and leather scents. On the palate, it is full-bodied with well integrated tannins and a long-lasting finish.