

Franz Haas,  
**`Lepus` Pinot Bianco 2024**  
Alto-Adige, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Pinot Bianco</b>
Winemaker	<b>Franz Haas</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>13.5%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>2.5g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>6.86g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.15</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

The Pinot Bianco grapes for this wine are grown in three different vineyard sites on the hillsides of the village of Montagna. The plots are located at 400-800 metres above sea level. Vineyards are south and south-west facing, planted on diverse soils that vary from light sands to heavy porphyry, and are trained using the Guyot system. 'Lepus' is the Latin name for 'hare' and is part of the Haas family crest.

## VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage in South Tyrol was another one that required meticulous work and careful control, following a very wet Spring, with heavy rains threatening vegetative growth and flowering. Summer brought much needed heat, but rain returned at the start of harvest. Despite its challenges, the 2024 harvest delivered fruit that exceeded expectations, creating a quality and complex wine.

## VINIFICATION

The must is mainly fermented at a controlled temperature in stainless steel tanks and partly in barrique. Before bottling, the wine ages on its lees for about five months.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is straw yellow in colour. Its fruity, spicy aromas are reminiscent of ripe apples, wild flowers and fresh bread crust. Strong yet elegant in structure, this Pinot Bianco has well-balanced acidity and is framed by a sweet, round richness and great length.