



Merlot-Cabernet De Piano 2016

De Piano, evocative of a piece of music, is the Old Latin name for Eppan and the name giver for St. Michael-Eppan Winery's first red cuvée: a composition of Merlot and Cabernet. As they do in Bordeaux, the two grape varieties complement each other optimally in South Tyrol: Merlot and Cabernet have been thriving in South Tyrol's vineyards for 150 years now. For De Piano, the two varieties are vinified separately and merged only after one year of maturation in wood. It's no wonder that the dense and complex De Piano – with the soft tannins of the Cabernet and the wealth, power and fruit of the Merlot – has won over wine lovers. If you give this wine time to breathe, it will reward you with unforgettable flavors and aromas.



Blackish red



Blackcurrant, mint as well as liquorice and coffee



Soft, spicy, expressive

Grapevines

Variety: Merlot 55%, Cabernet Sauvignon 35% and Cabernet Franc 10%
Age: 8 to 15 years

Area of Cultivation

A wide array of vineyards in the warmest sites of Appiano, Caldaro and Cortaccia.

Harvest

Merlot mid of Oktober, Cabernet from mid to end of Oktober; harvest and grape selection by hand.

Vinification

Fermentation in stainless-steel tanks, followed by malolactic fermentation and maturation in barrique-tonneau. Assembly after nearly a year. Afterwards, the wine ages for another six months in large oak barrels.

Production

Yield: 55 hl/ha
Alcohol Content: 14,5%
Acidity: 5,1 gr/lt

Serving Temperature

15 degrees

Pairing Recommendations

Grilled beef tenderloin (Fiorentina), aged cheeses

Storage/Potential

8 to 10 years

Recommended glass

