



**Vineyards at Tenuta Köfererhof**

## **Trentino**

### **SANTA MARGHERITA DI ALA (Province of Trento)**

**The winter was generally mild, but there was a lot of snow. The vegetative phase of the vines started early (in line with the previous vintages except for 2013). The weather was good till mid June. The summer was rainy.**

*Tiziano Tommasi - Azienda La Cadalora (Vallagarina IGT): “..we picked the white varieties at the end of August/beginning of September. We then picked the red varieties, Casetta and Marzemino. The quality of the white wines is good, they are fresh and the aromatics are good. We carefully selected the clusters of the red varieties in order to obtain good quality. The grape yield was lower than usual. The main characteristic of the 2014 wines is freshness, due to the climate of this vintage...We did not make Pinot Nero Vignalet....”*

## **ALTO ADIGE**

### **VARNA (Province of Bolzano)**

**The winter was less cold than usual, but with a lot of snow. The beginning of spring was warm, the weather then got cooler. The summer was cool, with a bit more rain than usual, but it was far less rainy in this area than in other areas of the region. It was rainy at the beginning of September, but luckily the weather improved and it was good and dry throughout September and October.**

*Günther Kerschbaumer – Tenuta Köfererhof (Alto Adige Valle Isarco DOC, Gewürztraminer, Kerner, Müller Thurgau, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Silvaner, Veltliner): “..we were lucky as the weather was good before and during the*

*harvest. We picked from the end of September till the 20th of October. This year we had a slightly lower grape yield as it rained during the flowering phase of the vines. We did not have problems with disease, the grapes were healthy and ripe at harvest. The wines have an excellent freshness, a good alcoholic strength, good aromatics, an excellent structure, they have a lot of character and personality. There are a lot of aromatics also in the mouth. Although it was rainy at the beginning of September, the grapes did not suffer as the ripening process was still backwards and the clusters and the leaves were perfect and flawless.....”*

**NATURNS (Province of Bolzano)**

**The budding phase of the vines started early as the weather was warm. It was warm also during the flowering phase. The weather during the summer was cool and rainy. The weather was good from the 15th of September till the end of October.**

*Franz Pratzner owner of Azienda Agricola Falkenstein (Alto Adige Val Venosta DOC, Riesling, Pinot Bianco, Sauvignon, Pinot Nero): “..we started picking Pinot Nero on the 20th of September. We picked Pinot Bianco, Sauvignon and Gewürztraminer from the 25th till the 3rd of October. We picked Riesling from the 15th of October till the 2nd of November. The ripeness of the grapes was very good.... The grape yield was 5-7 tons/hectare. The must/wines were very fruity, mineral, with a beautiful acidity and a harmonic body. We made the whole range of our wines. We follow sustainable/integrated practices in the vineyards, without weed killers and without mineral fertilizers...The wines are still fermenting. The quality seems to be from good to very good. 2014 is a vintage that cannot be compared with other vintages....”*