



## **GARLIDER VALLE ISARCO VELTLINER 2009**

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Between the glaciers and the sea or so the postcard should read. Tucked between towering Dolomites and warm-ish valleys, Eisacktal, or Valle Isarco in Italian, is part of the South Tyrol/Alto Adige growing region. German is the lingua franca of the area, yet it is Italy's northern most wine region. The region has been footy-passed through annexation between Italy, Germany and the Austro-Hungarian empire over time.

Garliger farm their vineyards organically and add nothing aside minimal sulphur in the winemaking process. Their four hectares sit between 450 and 800 metres, on a gradient of up to 55 degrees, with schist and quartz flecked soils. After fermentation the wine is kept in old, large wooden casks for a spell. Delicate white flowers, white peach and rosemary aromas – pretty and lithe bouquet. The palate shows the 14% alcohol in a slick of glycerol texture, but balanced by the faintly bitter green phenolic bite. Celery, dill and sweet nashi pear to taste, but the wine is more about genial refreshment than it is complexity of fruit flavour. A bulbous, oily entry focuses to a long point with crisp, cracking acidity and mineral crunch to close. Readily likeable but interesting too. Importer: Addley Clark Fine Wines

Rated : 89 Points Tasted : DEC11

Alcohol : 14% Price : \$37 Closure : Cork

Drink : 2012 - 2017