



The Gantenbein Winery



Daniel and Martha Gantenbein

GANTENBEIN 2021 Pinot Noir

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FOUNDED IN 1982, Gantenbein is internationally renowned as one of the finest wine estates in Switzerland. It is located in the Graubünden (Grisons) district of the upper Rhine valley in the eastern part of the country, one of the most breathtakingly beautiful places on Earth. Not far from here, high up in the Alps, the Rhine begins its long journey to the Atlantic. Tucked into the foothills of the Alps, in the small village of Fläsch, is the gravity-flow winery of Daniel and Martha Gantenbein; a marvel of design simplicity, ingenuity and mechanical precision.

Daniel and Martha do all of the vineyard and cellar work themselves, by hand. They farm six hectares (15 acres) of vineyards on the scree slopes of the northern Alps. Most of the vineyards (about 12.5 acres) are planted densely with Pinot Noir clones from Burgundy. The rest is planted with Chardonnay, as well as a tiny parcel of Riesling, planted with vines sourced from the Mosel.

2021 GANTENBEIN PINOT NOIR

The 2021 growing season was not ideal in the Graubünden region, but in the end Daniel and Martha were quite happy with the vintage. After a light spring frost and a very wet summer, more favorable weather arrived in September. Warm days and cool nights allowed for a slow ripening period before the harvest. The Pinot Noir has good power and concentration, backed by a ripe acidity and an elegant mineral expression.

TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Graubünden AOC (Bündner Herrschaft, Switzerland)

Age of Vines: 30 years average

Soil Type: Weathered schist and gneiss

Vineyard Management: Sustainable; all work done by hand; no herbicides or pesticides

Vinification: Very gentle de-stemming; indigenous yeast fermentation in open-top wood fermenters; 20% whole cluster; punch-downs twice a day

Elevage: 14 months in Tronçais oak barriques (100% new); no fining or filtration

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total Production: 1,000 cases (9LE)

FROM THE PRESS

[94+] *The Wine Advocate*

“Gantenbein’s 2021 Pinot Noir opens with a deep, pure, slightly flinty and toasty yet intensely fruity bouquet with raspberry and blackberry as well as chocolate and oak aromas. Full-bodied, straight and fresh on the palate, this is a very elegant, juicy, silky textured and full-bodied Pinot with a straight, tight, long and saline finish that reveals fine but grippy tannins. Impressive wine!” *June 30, 2023*



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