



SAN LEONARDO, TENUTA SAN LEONARDO

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Located in Trentino-Alto Adige, on the southern edge of the Dolomites, Tenuta San Leonardo is one of Italy's most esteemed and quietly iconic wine estates. Owned by the Guerrieri Gonzaga family since the 18th century, the estate's modern reputation was built under the stewardship of Marchese Carlo Guerrieri Gonzaga, one of the first Italians to train at Bordeaux's Institut d'Oenologie in the 1960s. That training, combined with the estate's exceptional terroir, led to the creation of San Leonardo, a Bordeaux-style blend that has earned cult status for its finesse, age-worthiness, and soul.

San Leonardo is typically a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, and Merlot, sourced from alluvial, glacial soils at the foot of the mountains. The vineyards benefit from a unique microclimate characterised by warm days, cool nights, and a constant breeze from Lake Garda. Fermentation takes place in cement tanks using indigenous yeasts, followed by 18–24 months of ageing in small French oak barrels and then extended bottle ageing before release. This is not an opulent "Super Tuscan"-style expression; San Leonardo is aristocratic, intellectual, and understated in the best sense.

