



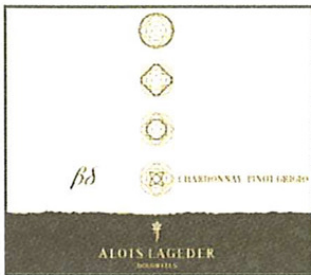
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Meeting and Tasting Alois Lageder

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Alois Lageder is producing some of the best whites in the country. Alois represents the 5th generation of winemaking in his family. Since taking over the winery in 1974, his focus has been to reinvent its practices and focus, to produce sustainable and high quality wines.

A new focus for the winery has been implementing biodynamic winemaking processes, including building a new winery, using all natural materials. Alois spoke about the effect climate change has had on the vineyards, and that the only reasonable solution to help the vines adapt is to farm biodynamically. "We don't use [biodynamics] as commercial or marketing, we do it because it has to be done."

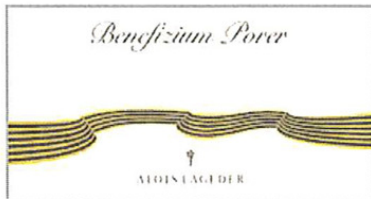
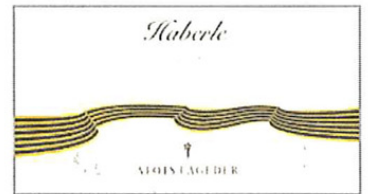


2008 Beta Delta Pinot Grigio & Chardonnay

An even split between the two varietals, this wine is the first to be branded as biodynamic from Alois Lageder. Not only are the grapes farmed organically, the wine is made using natural yeasts and reused oak casks in aging. It's a lovely wine, smelling the spice from the pinot grigio on the nose to following the fruity chardonnay flavors in a balanced and crisp finish.

2007 Haberle Pinot Bianco

Coming from a single vineyard high up at 1400 ft. in the foothills of the Dolomites, this wine is crisp, cool and fresh—ideal for summer sipping. It's a very food friendly wine; drink it alongside shrimp or other shellfish at a porch party.

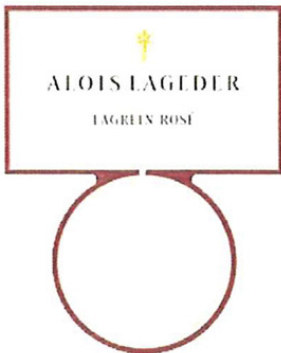
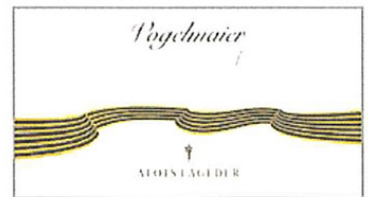


2007 Benefizium Porer Pinot Grigio

This classically styled pinot grigio offers a distinctive spiciness on the nose, and big fruit flavors throughout the palate. The well balanced finish rounds out into a really lovely wine.

2008 Vogelmaier Moscato Giallo

On the nose, this moscato giallo is ripe and floral, with notes of melon and basil. While the perfume is intense and delicate, on the palate the wine is dry and alive with acidity. This contrast is what makes this wine compelling—the mid palate fruit balances the dry finish. This wine is great to pop the cork on now and enjoy with Asian food, or age it for a few years for the flavors to develop into a rich and mature moscato giallo.

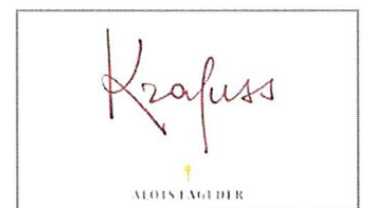


2008 Lagrein Rosé

From the local varietal lagrien, this rosé has a lovely deep hue and strong backbone. It is very full bodied and tastes of blackberries, giving a light tannic finish. This wine comes in at a great value, retailing for about \$15.99 in Massachusetts.

2005 Krafuss Pinot Noir

This wine is made in the Austrian tradition from a vineyard planted in 1991. Sitting at 1500 ft., Alois is passionate about the terroir the property offers—sandy, limestone-filled soil, marbled with clay. The wine is elegantly subtle with a smokiness to it that's representative of Alto Adige. According to the winemaker, it opens up in the bottle, so that when you sip it you taste the fruit on the finish, keeping the acidity to balance it out. On his philosophy for this wine, Alois said, "Pinot noir should have a light finesse, and not be too powerful."



Through the Alois Lageder portfolio, the finesse and focus of the winery is easy to see. All of these wines are elegant traditionally focused and delicious.