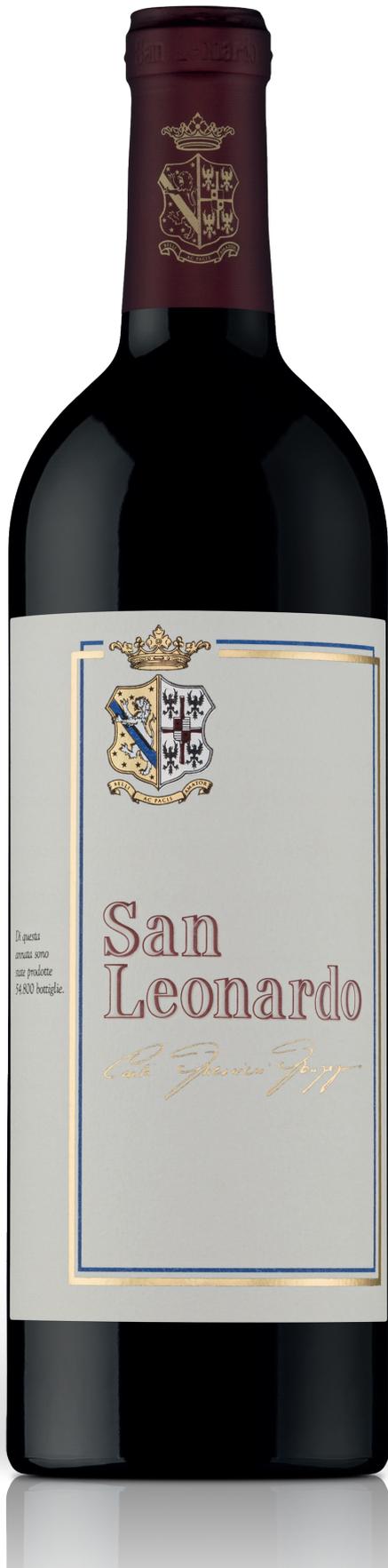




# San Leonardo

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## SAN LEONARDO

VINTAGE 2018

IGT Vigneti delle Dolomiti | Red  
Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Merlot

*San Leonardo is the flagship wine of the estate, deeply rooted in the ancient history of the land. It is a classic Bordeaux blend known for its elegance and extraordinary longevity.*

### HISTORY

In 1982, Marquis Carlo Guerrieri Gonzaga developed an innovative winemaking technique, creating what would become one of Italy's most renowned Bordeaux blends. He decided to partition the estate's lands, vinifying and maturing each variety separately to preserve their distinct characteristics. The wines were blended just before bottling to produce San Leonardo.

### VINEYARDS

**Location** | The vines contributing to San Leonardo are situated within the ancient walls of the monastery.

**Soils** | Light and sandy for Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère; clayey with excellent drainage for Merlot.

**Training systems and planting density**

Cordon-trained spur-pruned: 5,100 vines per hectare.

Guyot: 5,100 vines per hectare.

Double Trentino pergola: 1,800 vines per hectare.

Simple Trentino pergola: 2,500 vines per hectare.

**Vineyard age** | Ranging from 25 to 75 years.

**Altitude** | 120-300 meters above sea level.

**Exposure** | Southwest - Northwest.

**Grape yield per hectare** | 50-60 quintals per hectare for cordon-trained spur-pruned and Guyot; 80-90 quintals per hectare for double and simple Trentino pergola.

### VINIFICATION AND AGING

Spontaneous fermentation and maceration for 12-15 days in small concrete vats with various daily pump-overs and occasional délestage. After racking, malolactic fermentation occurs in the same vats where the wine remains to settle for several months. Aging for 24 months, 70% in barriques and 30% in French oak tonneaux with medium toasting of first, second, and third passage, followed by the final blend. The wine is then bottled and rests for at least 24 months in our cellars before being released to the market.

## SEASONAL TRENDS

January and February saw temperatures mostly below zero, setting the stage for the 2018 season. The following three months were highly rainy, ensuring excellent water reserves in the soil for the season. Budbreak occurred one week later than average. Flowering began in late May with clear sunny days and temperatures sometimes reaching 30 degrees Celsius, leading to perfect fruit set. The season continued normally with warm days that promoted fruit development, and veraison began at the end of July. September's dry days and significant temperature range variations provided ideal conditions for grape maturation.

**Harvest** | Began in the last days of September and concluded in the first half of October.

## TASTING NOTES

**Color** | Intense ruby red with garnet reflections.

**Nose** | Seductively complex, opening with notes of wild berries, followed by balsamic notes, underbrush, tobacco, and aromatic herbs.

**Palate** | Lively and elegant, the wine displays perfect harmony between taste and aroma, with refined tannins, great balance, and depth. The finish is long-lasting.

**Recommended serving temperature** | 16 °C

## ANALYTICAL DATA

**Alcohol content** | 13% vol

**Total acidity** | 6.11 g/l

## FORMATS

Half Bottle 0.375 l

Bottle 0.75 l

Magnum 1.5 l

Double Magnum 3 l

Imperiale 6 l

Salmanazar 9 l

Balthazar 12 l

Melchior 18 l



MADE IN ITALY | Allergens: contains sulfites