

# Alto Adige whites

## Outstanding (continued)



**St Michael-Eppan, Appius 2011** 95 AB 95 IDA 95 MG 95

£88-£110 Eurowines, Harrods

This large co-op (more than 370ha farmed and two million bottles produced a year) has always been linked to some of Italy's best whites, especially those in the Sanct Valentin line. But the co-op's top wine is Appius, a blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio (only in its second vintage) that undergoes partial malolactic fermentation and is aged in a mix of barriques and tonneaux. It boasts a magical, mouth-coating creaminess and lusciously intense aromas and flavours. Expensive but delicious.

**AB** Very intense, sophisticated nose showing lots of layered green notes like nettles and lime, combined with jasmine and lilies. The palate is dry with plenty of honey and pineapple characters. Lots of richness and complexity. Burgundy in disguise!

**IDA** Very inviting nose of rich, smooth ginger and fresh mint. Tropical fruits come through on the palate and finish.

**MG** Broad, ripe and floral nose with toasted coconut tones and a strong note of ginger and mint. Mid-weight palate with juicy freshness, a balance and long, aromatic finish.

**Drink** 2016-2024 Alc 14%