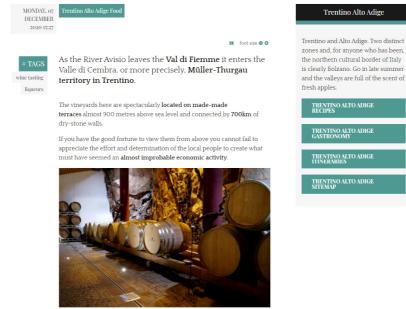




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In fact, for centuries the Cembra Valley was synonymous with hunger and suffering and is why the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry recently recognized this land as being a 'Historic Rural Landscape of Italy'.

Viticulture here can really be defined as a heroic pursuit and has a special meaning and value for the people. A tour of the cellars is obligatory of course.

Here you can taste wines like Schiava, Pinot Noir, Gewürztraminer, Chardonnay as well as great liqueurs prepared by world-famous master distillers such as Pilzer.



image by Fabrizio Salce

Above all, however, it is  ${\bf M\ddot{u}ller\text{--}Thurgau}$  which attracts both wine experts and vacationers.

See if you can notice the **subtle difference between the wines** according to location, height and processing even if the producers are using the same grape type.

To truly appreciate Müller-Thurgau you have to go back to the end of 1880 when Prof. Hermann Müller crossed **Riesling Renano and Sylvaner** to create a vine which can ripen better in the mountains.

Local **porphyry soils** and intense temperature swings also make a difference giving the wine a **straw yellow colour with greenish hints** and offering a long-lasting delicate dry aromatic taste sustained by crisp acidity.

## With hints of tropical fruit and citrus fruits it is at its best in the first flush of youth



Look out for the annual Müller-Thurgau wine festival -

www.mostramullerthurgau.it - which has now past 30 editions

It has now also become an appointment for producers of mountain wine in Germany and Hungary.

As for the typical dishes to accompany your glass or two, expect to find seasoned goats cheese, roast pork (stince al forno), polenta with rabbit, canederll, bread gnocchi with radicchio, nuts and gorgonzola and, for dessert, apple strudel with hot blueberries.

But also some particularly local dishes such as **tagliatelle di ortica** (image above) as well as tagliolini al cacao with trout and artichokes.

## How best to visit the Cembra Valley



Biking in the Cembra Valley - Archivio A.p.T. Piné Cembra

Why not **discover the Valle di Cembra by e-bike** which allows the pedalling to take care of itself while you enjoy the panorama.

Not least in October and November when the nuance of autumn colours make the countryside seem like an oil on canvas painting.

And then there are the **old paths** to walk along where you will pass old sawmills, farmsteads and places where you can stay and be in contact with the inhabitants of the valley.

Of unique interest are the clay pyramids of Segonzano. They are true masterpieces of nature where boulders top thin pillars of earth.

To get there follow the so-called **Dürer Route** from Klösterle to San Floriano. This was the path taken by the German painter on his way to Venice.

 $\underline{Official\ Tourism\ Link};\ www.visitpinecembra.it$ 

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