



CONTE KUENBURG

## Castel Sallegg



# Vicereine Archduchess Elisabetta, Princess of Savoy-Carignano (1800 – 1856)

MOTHER, AESTHETE, ARTIST

### A life of fullness

In the spring of 1800, a baby girl is born into an eminent aristocratic family in Paris. Her name Elisabetta means “My God is fullness” – an omen for her later life!

And indeed, it is fullness that permeates Elisabetta's life, with her keen mind and noble spirit to lend guidance.

At the age of 20, the beautiful young woman stands before the marriage altar with Archduke Rainer, Viceroy of the Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia. The family lives in Lombardy before moving to Archduke Rainer's palace, today's Palais Campofranco, in Bolzano in 1848 and acquiring Sallegg Castle in 1851. In the first ten years of marriage, Elisabetta gives birth to eight children. She is a delightful companion to her husband. In addition to her family duties, she assumes numerous patronages and is active in support of children's homes, orphanages and poorhouses.

Her passion is painting: with a deft hand and blithe spirit, she conjures onto canvas the flowers she so dearly loves. Beauty and the special appeal of details – she has the gift to recognize them and the talent to create a nonchalant display of colors and nuances in her paintings. Her intimate relationship with flora in art and in nature is well known far and wide. Today Elisabetta's paintings are to be found in Sallegg Castle, together with many textile works that reflect her creativity.

Elisabetta survives her husband by three years. She dies on Christmas Day 1856 and is buried in the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Bolzano.

Viceroy Archduchess Elisabetta, Princess of Savoy-Carignano is the great-great-great-grandmother of the present owner Georg Count of Kuenburg.

**RANGE: NOBILIS**

**WEIN: CUVÉE ELISA, VIGNETI DELLE DOLOMITI BIANCO, IGT**