

Brachetto d'Acqui 2019

Acqui, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Brachetto
Winemaker	Patrizia Marengo
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	5.5%
Residual Sugar	130g/L
Acidity	6g/L
Wine pH	3.3
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Organic, Vegan

PRODUCER

Now owned by the Marengo family, who are Moscato and Brachetto specialists, the 11-hectare Contero estate remains one of the best producers of invigoratingly delicious Moscato d'Asti and Brachetto d'Acqui. The steep, hilly vineyards are planted on tufaceous-marl soils, in a perfect amphitheatre within the commune of Strevi (the heart of one of the best zones for Moscato in Piemonte). The vines are superbly tended and produce fruit of stunning quality.

VINEYARDS

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VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage started slowly with winter conditions of rain and low temperatures lasting through to the middle of March. More rain in April meant that the soil's water content was sufficient through the summer months. Two heat waves at the end of both June and July were followed by more mild temperatures and sporadic rainfall.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand-picked and carefully selected. After gentle pressing, the must fermented on the skins for two to three days at low temperatures, in stainless-steel tanks. The must was then separated from the skins, with fermentation halted at 5.5% volume alcohol by filtration to leave around 100g of sugar per litre. Bottling took place under pressure for a light sparkle.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is light cherry red in colour. The rich, persistent mousse accompanies bright aromas of roses and violets. The slightly sweet, aromatic palate has a typical bittersweet note on the finish.

AWARDS

Sommelier Wine Awards 2020, Gold