

Bellavista,
Franciacorta Rosé Brut Vintage 2017
Franciacorta, Lombardia, Italy



Grape Varieties **59% Chardonnay**
 41% Pinot Noir

Winemaker	Mattia Vezzola
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	4.5g/L
Acidity	6.8g/L
Wine pH	3.14
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

This estate makes Italy's finest sparkling wines from its 200 hectares of vineyard situated in the western part of the Franciacorta zone in a natural amphitheatre. The glacial soil is full of stones, and provides the ideal environment for the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes used in the production of their Franciacorta. Bellavista, meaning 'beautiful view' in Italian, was founded by Vittorio Moretti in the early 1970s, with the first vintage produced in 1979. In 1981, he met a young winemaker, Mattia Vezzola and this partnership transformed Bellavista into Italy's leading producer of quality sparkling wine.

VINEYARDS

Bellavista's vineyards enjoy some of the best sites in Franciacorta. The soil is morainic and produces fruit with character and great expressive potential. Vines are trained using the Guyot system and are 25 years old on average. They are planted at a density of 5,000 vines per hectare.

VINTAGE

The 2017 harvest will be remembered for a phenomenon that has never occurred in Franciacorta in living memory. In mid April, temperatures briefly dropped below freezing to -2 degrees. The frost caused a significant reduction in fertile buds and small shoots. Despite the challenging weather conditions, Bellavista managed to successfully produce a truly unique vintage with authenticity and depth.

VINIFICATION

The Franciacorta Rosé Brut is a special cuvée with limited production, a blend of at least 30 of the best parcels from the Bellavista vineyards. Some of the grapes were fermented and matured in small oak barrels, some in 50 to 200HL stainless steel tanks. The wine was made partially from red grapes in submerged cap maceration, where the must was in contact with skins until fermentation, allowing a delicate colour extraction.

TASTING NOTES

This rosé is a delicate pink with persistent bubbles. The nose opens with intense white peach notes that mellow into wild strawberries, golden apple, rosehip and a hint of toast. On the palate, the wine is dry with well balanced, fresh acidity. An elegant background of blackcurrant and sweet almond flavours lingers on the finish.