

Bellavista,
`Vigna Uccellanda` Curtefranca Bianco 2017
Curtefranca, Lombardia, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Mattia Vezzola
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	2.6g/L
Acidity	5.8g/L
Wine pH	3.32
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

The vineyards have some of the best exposure, character and expressive potential in the area. This has given rise to 107 small crus that express the intrinsic personality of the land and the subtle nuances of its character and personality. The grapes come from the Uccellanda vineyard, 4.14 hectares in size, in the Commune of Corte Franca at approximately 300 metres above sea level. The subsoil comprises glacial deposits of silt, sand and gravel that are rich in carbonate.

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

Harvest took place when the grapes reached optimum ripeness and were carefully selected on the vine. The must was fermented for 12 months in 228 litre oak barrels. The wine was bottled in the second spring after harvest and was matured for a further six months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is golden yellow in colour. On the nose, there are lifted perfumes of yellow apples, quince and ripe fruits with a hint of vanilla. On the palate, it is rich, creamy and elegant with a long finish.