

Bellavista,
Franciacorta Brut Vintage 2018
Franciacorta, Lombardia, Italy



Grape Varieties	75% Chardonnay 25% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Mattia Vezzola
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	3.5g/L
Acidity	6g/L
Wine pH	3.2
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 has 200 hectares of vineyard across 10 communes within the Franciacorta DOCG. The sites have some of the best exposure in the region and produce fruit with character and great aromatic potential. For the Vintage Brut, site selection is rigorous. Fruit only comes from vineyards that are high up on the hillsides, with a south and south-east exposure. Average vine age is over 25 years old.

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage started with mild, rainy conditions that were helpful in rebalancing the soil's water supply, after the drought experienced in 2017. Episodes of snowfall delayed budburst but then a warm April, put the growth cycle back on track. Crops levels were abundant with an overall increase on 25% on last year. The autumn started with favourable conditions with a large diurnal range that improved ripeness in the grapes while limiting the risk of botrytis.

VINIFICATION

Individual parcels were specially selected for this blend: 76% Chardonnay and 24% Pinot Noir. Made in the traditional method, 30% of the wine that makes up this Vintage Brut was fermented and matured for at least seven months in small oak barrels with the remainder staying in stainless-steel tanks. Once blended and bottled, the wine matured on lees for an additional four years before disgorgement.

TASTING NOTES

Bellavista Brut has a vibrant golden colour with an exuberant and persistent perlage. The nose displays sweet, ripe, orchard fruits with hints of candied citrus complemented by hawthorn and elderberry blossom, white almonds and pastry notes. Elegant and complex, this powerful wine balances a silky texture with a backbone of fresh acidity and hints of white fruit and blossom on a long dry finish.