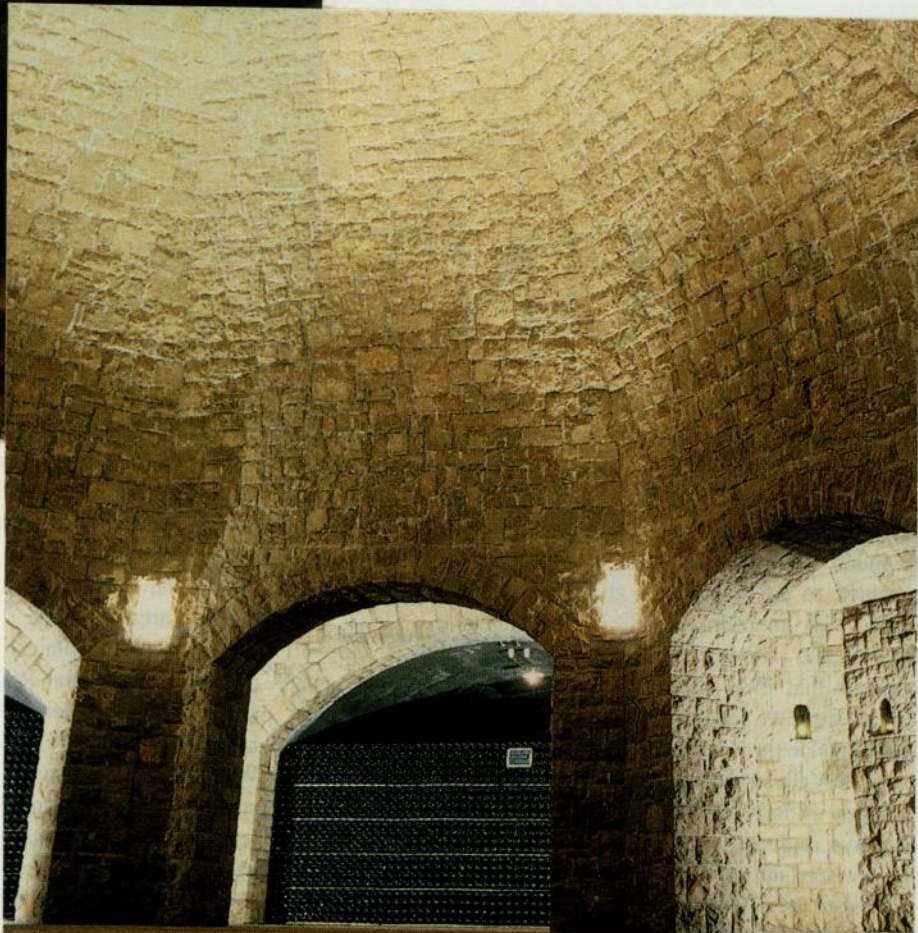


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Metodo Classico in repose: the Cà del Bosco cellars.

Here it is necessary to understand how the three major Metodo Classico producing areas of Italy differ. Most prestigious of all is the Franciacorta area of Lombardy, west of Lake Garda, with its top producers Berlucchi, Cà del Bosco, and Bellavista. Just 20 years ago the area was a producer of rustic reds. Now its reds are more interesting (the grape mix is very Cabernet based), and the Metodo Classico wines are among the best in Italy. The DOC Franciacorta refers to still whites and reds and to the sparkling wine, and the latter makes a very acceptable apéritif.

## ALL IN A NAME

Metodo Classico wines have often been criticized for not being 'French' in the past, and for being too neutral in style. The first criticism is dealt with by attending to the second, which top producers such as Ferrari and Cà del Bosco already do.