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CA' DEL BOSCO

Lombardia; Erbusco (BS) DOC(G)s: Franciacorta; Terre di Franciacorta

Along with Bellavista, this is the showpiece of Franciacorta and one of the most high-tech (and prolific) wineries in Italy. The sparklers made here offer great value across the board, from the basic Franciacorta Brut to more high-end sparklers such as the "Cuvée Annamaria Clementi." All the wines are made in the classic Champagne method and are based largely on chardonnay, although most of the cuvées include pinot noir and sometimes pinot bianco. Still wines from chardonnay and pinot noir (pinot nero) are also offered, and they are as acclaimed as the sparklers. Try a Ca' del Bosco wine alongside a good Champagne and see for yourself what a great bargain Franciacorta can be (relatively speaking, anyway).