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## PINOT NOIR CUP 2003

Im vergangenen Jahr schrieb WEIN GOURMET zum ersten Mal den PINOT NOIR CUP aus – 360 deutsche Weine nahmen teil. Jetzt wird der Wettbewerb international: Auch österreichische Pinot noir sind dabei

### Auch der Italiener

Maurizio Zanella, Winzer (Ca' del Bosco) und Pinot nero-Spezialist aus der Region Franciacorta in der Lombardei, strahlte über die verkosteten Weine: „Meine Erwartungen waren bestimmt nicht klein.“

### DIE JURY



Hoch über dem Rhein, gleich gegenüber von Bonn, steht das „Gästehaus Petersberg“ der Bundesregierung. Doch wo sonst Staatskarossen vorfahren, parkten Mitte November 2002 Kleintransporter, Kombis und andere Gefährte, wie sie Winzer gern benutzen, wenn sie Wein zu transportieren haben.

Mit dem Wettbewerb PINOT NOIR CUP und der Fachtagung PINOT TALKS erwies WEIN GOURMET der großen Begeisterung Referenz, mit der Deutschlands Winzer in den letzten Jahren ihre Spätburgunder pflegten – 360 beim PINOT NOIR CUP zur Probe angestellte Weine und rund 100 Teilnehmer bei den PINOT TALKS belegten, dass der Wettbewerb bei den Winzern auf viel Gegenliebe stieß.

Für dieses Jahr hat sich das PINOT NOIR CUP-Team noch mehr vorgenommen: Gemeinsam mit den deutschen Spätburgundern werden zudem Pinot noir aus Österreich verkostet. Und auch die Jury ist noch internationaler geworden:

Mit Clive Coates, dessen Newsletter „The Vine“ wohl die bedeutendste Publikation zu Burgunderweinen ist, verstärkt ein namhafter weinjournalistischer Kollege aus England die Jury. Aus Italien wird Maurizio Zanella anreisen. Die Gallionsfigur des Franciacorta-Guts Ca' del Bosco produziert nicht nur herausragenden Schaumwein aus Pinot noir, sondern auch den „Pinero“, einen der besten Pinot noir-Rotweine Italiens.

Bei den PINOT TALKS werden vor allem zwei Themen im Vordergrund stehen: Wieviel Sauerstoff verträgt der Spätburgunder beim Ausbau und wieviel benötigt er? Kurzreferate und Blindverkostungen werden auf dem Podium wie im Plenum viel Diskussionsstoff liefern. Die Teilnehmer werden auch gereiften Pinot noir verkosten: aus Deutschland, der Schweiz, Österreich und aus Burgund, Jahrgang 1997 und älter. Die Tagung richtet sich vor allem an Winzer und Önologen. Auch Leser des WEIN GOURMET sind willkommen! Wir reservieren Ihnen gern einige Plätze. Info: Dorothee Hoppenheit, Tel. 040-2717 3761



- (1) Clive Coates, Weinkritiker, London (GB)
- (2) Georg Fromm, Winzer, Blenheim (NZ)
- (3) Daniel Gantenbein, Winzer, Fläsch (CH)
- (4) Maurizio Zanella, Winzer, Erbusco (I)



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There are hundreds of wine makers in this region and some are famed while others are seeking fame. To be recognised in this crowded industry, a wine maker must be excellent at many things: marketing, image-building, networking, sales and above all wine making.

Great wines in this region are plentiful but only the chosen few can achieve fame for their wines.

Italians love style, they are driven by appearance, it is very much a patriarchal society where men know their pecking order and high rank is usually denoted by wealth and age. Powerful men are elderly and wealthy. Young men, on their way to riches must work hard, and know when to show respect. This golden rule also applies to the winemakers of this region and perhaps the most impressive of all the winemakers near Milan and Lake Garda is Maurizio Zanella, owner of Ca' del Bosco.

Maurizio Zanella's vineyard lies in the heart of the Franciacorta region, situated about an hours drive north east of Milan. Franciacorta is Italy's 'Champagne'. It is a region dedicated largely to the production of sparkling wine. The vineyard itself is worth a visit. It is a shrine to modern perfection sitting on the shoulders of respected tradition. The enormous art works scattered around the manicured grounds aren't bad either. This is surely one of the most exclusive and expensive vineyards in Europe.

One of Ca' del Bosco's best sparkling wines is the Cuvée Annamaria Clementi, named

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## Ca' del Bosco

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after Maurizio Zanella's mother. The wine is made in the same way as a great Champagne. It is aged six years on its lees before it is disgorged and it shows an intense purity of fruit with a long and vibrant finish. It is no surprise that Zanella's first winemaker came from Dom Pérignon.

It is, however, the still wines that are most surprising, considering Ca' del Bosco's dedication to Franciacorta. The Pinéro (Pinot Noir) 2000 is a great wine, rich and concentrated with berries, vanilla and coffee on the nose while on the palate the berries are wrapped in soft tannins. Not surprisingly this bottle will retail in-store for over €95.

In terms of the whites, the most outstanding of Ca' del Bosco's is its Chardonnay 1999. This wine is one of the better Chardonnays on the market, it is fruity and intense, with a floral, buttery, apricot nose. On the palate it is round with fresh, but timid, acidity. In Ireland you can buy this wine should you happen to be dining in restaurant Patrick Guilbaud. It is imported into Ireland by Galen and Tess Bales of the lifestyles company W39.

Our guide in Italy, Mr. Ghidelli told us that it is Maurizio Zanella's vision to make the Franciacorta region as famous as the Champagne region within 50 years. Only persistently good winemaking and the proper marketing campaigns will make his dream come true, but judging by the wines on offer it's maybe a dream that can be realised.

It's impossible to summarise in a short article all the wonders of the province of Brescia but if you are taking a holiday near Lake Garda then a visit to Lake Iseo is a must. Lake Iseo is a picture postcard lake, deep and majestic, surrounded by enormous hills that afford spectacular views. This area is perfect for walkers or cyclists. Lake Iseo itself is breathtaking, and relatively unspoilt, despite its busy tourist season. The highlight of a trip to the lake is a short boat ride to Europe's largest lake island, Monte Isola.

Here on the island are friendly locals, great fish restaurants, small rural bars, fascinating views, no traffic and an aura of idyllic existence. A visit to the local boat maker is essential as this area is famed for its boat-making artistry.

The province of Brescia truly is a playground of adventure, culture and gastronomy. Two weeks is a paltry amount of time to spend in the area and that's why thousands of Europeans choose Brescia as their annual holiday destination.

With Milan only a couple of hours away from Dublin airport, it may be worth at least one visit to see if the region is any better than the sweaty bustle of southern European beach resorts.

How to get there and what to see – some useful web sites:  
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[www.stradadeivini.it](http://www.stradadeivini.it)  
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