



BELLAVISTA FRANCIACORTA VITTORIO MORETTI EXTRA BRUT 2004

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 Pinot Noir and Chardonnay 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 owns 200 hectares of vines in 10 communes within the Franciacorta DOCG. The vineyards have some of the best exposure, character and expressive potential in the area. From these vineyards, they produce 103 different parcels of wine. The Vittorio Moretti stems from a desire to express the great potential of the finest crus of Franciacorta such as Erbusco, Nigoline, Torbiato and Colombaro in a cuvée of almost equal measures of Chardonnay and Pinot Nero. The area's distinctive microclimate, coupled with the winemaking prowess of the Bellavista winery, enables Bellavista to offer a Franciacorta of exceptional character and personality. This cuvée is the utmost proof of the perfectionist spirit that inspires Bellavista. It is released seven years after the vintage.

VINIFICATION

The Vittorio Moretti is only produced in exceptional vintages such as 2004. Made in the 'traditional method', 35% of the wines that make up the blend are fermented and matured for at least seven months in small oak barrels. Individual parcels are specially selected for the blend. The Vittorio Moretti is released 7 years after harvest.

TASTING NOTES

Clear and bright with green and gold reflections. Abundant perlage of small bubbles, with a creamy, persistent texture. The bouquet is intense yet elegant with perfumes reminiscent of ripe white fruit, peaches, honey and citrus flowers. A wine of great finesse and richness, one of the very best of its type.

PRESS

93 points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Antonio Galloni, 29 Feb 12

Offers a myriad of aromas and flavours. Smoke, ash, brioche and dried apricots come alive in the glass. Though initially quite expressive, the wine turns much more intense and mineral-driven on the mid-palate and finish. There is no shortage of personality here.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2004
Grape varieties	57% Chardonnay 43% Pinot Noir
Region	Franciacorta
Winemaker	Mattia Vezzola
Closure	Natural Cork
Alcohol (ABV)	12.5%
Acidity	6.8g/l
Residual Sugar	2.8g/l
Wine pH	3.1