



Franciacorta Extra Brut DOCG 2012

Grapes: 80% Chardonnay & 20% Pinot Noir

Region: Lombardy

Vineyard Locations: From vineyards located in Franciacorta

North/South/East/West **Exposure:** Altitude: 820 feet above sea level Soil: Calcareous clay terrain

Vine Training: Guyot-trained

Vine Age: 18-38 years (planted 1978-1998)

Time of Harvest: Mid August

Vine Density: 5,000 plants per hectare Vine Yield: max 1.5-2 kg per vine

Total Production: 4,000 bottles

Vinification Process: The grapes are hand picked and gently pressed.

Only the free run juice is employed. The alcoholic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature. Each vineyard ferments separately from the other. After the fermentation, the wines stay in the stainless steel tanks for a few months before blending with sugar and yeasts for secondary

fermentation.

Aging Process: The second fermentation last four weeks. After

that, the wine ages sur lie for 69 months.

Alcohol Content: 12.50% **Dry Extract:** 24.0 g/l **Total Acid:** $7.1\,\mathrm{g/l}$ **Volatile Acid:** $0.44 \, g/l$ **Residual Sugar:** $1.5 \, g/l$

Tasting Notes: A beautiful golden color. Fine and persistent

perlage. Intense aromas of almond, vanilla and

fruit with excellent balance and persistence.

Winemaker: Roberto Gatti

Winemaker Comments: Long bottle aging gives the Extra Brut more

complexity, structure and intensity.

Cellaring: Up to 12 years **Bottled:** Summer Closure: Cork

Food/Menu Pairing: Pairs well with shrimp in brandy, lobster rolls, clam

bakes, and oysters rockefeller.

