

# FRANCIA CORTA

2024 EDITION

# Franciacorta



CHARDONNAY / PINOT BIANCO / PINOT NERO

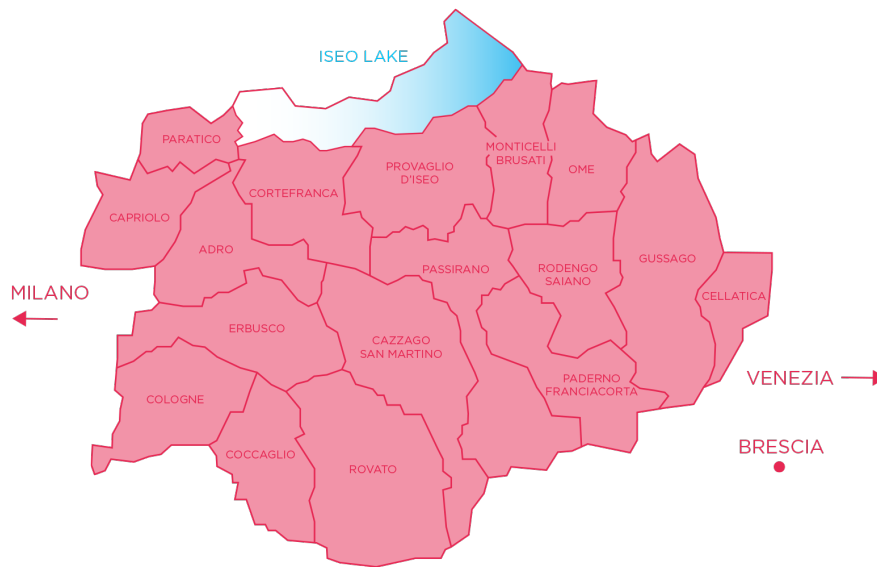
A sparkling wine from the production area of the same name, in the district of Brescia. Situated between the southern part of Lake Iseo and the Oglio and Mella rivers. The current borders of the Franciacorta zone were established in a document drawn up by the doge (a sort of governor) of Venice in 1429. The name Franciacorta has nothing to do with France, actually this area was once called Franzacurta.

The vines here have very old roots, even if only as recently as the late 1950s, some producers began to produce base wines suitable for making sparkling wine. In 1967, Franciacorta obtained the DOC (denomination of controlled origin) and the DOCG about 30 years later (denomination of controlled and guaranteed origin).

In 1990, a Consortium was created with the aim of guaranteeing and controlling the procedural guidelines of Franciacorta production. In the zone, however, a small production of still wines, both white and red (under the denomination Sebino IGT and Curtefranca DOC), remained.

The Franciacorta production zone (sparkling and still wines) covers about 3000 hectares. Its geological structure is rather varied and includes:

- **Fine deposits:** rich soils of lime capable of producing wines with evident floral perfumes;
- **Fluvioglacial:** subtle soils resulting in mostly fruity wines;
- **Distal Colluvia:** wines with a strong floral character;



- **Deep Moraines:** wines with evident sensations of fruit and spices;
- **Terraced Colluvia:** profound soils that produce wines rich in complexity;
- **Fine Moraines:** give origin to spicy and slightly vegetal wines.

The grape varieties used for the production of the Franciacorta spumante were initially limited to the variations of Pinot (Blanc, Noir, and even, Grigio). In the 1980s, the gradual introduction of Chardonnay began. Along with Pinot Noir, it constitutes the duality that frequently determines the cuvée produced in this territory.

The Pinot Blanc can still be utilized, but only up to 50% of the wine's total composition. Only recently the Erbatmat, a indigenous grape, were introduced as well, only up to 10% of the wine's total composition.

The effervescence of the Franciacorta can only be achieved through the method known as the method "Franciacorta", which results in five different typologies:

- **Franciacorta** (at least 18 months on the lees, during the second fermentation in the bottle);
- **Franciacorta Satèn** (differentiated by the lack of Pinot Noir in the composition and by an inferior pressure, which results in bubbles that are more delicate);

- **Franciacorta Rosé** (must contain at least 35% of Pinot Noir vinified in rosé);
- **Franciacorta Millesimato** (At least 85% of the grapes utilized in this typology must come from the same vintage);
- **Franciacorta Riserva** (usually identified as the most prestigious wines of the winery).

Perfected while resting on the lees, the amount of time depending on the typology. From the Franciacorta, ready at 18 months to the Franciacorta Riserva (including the Rosé and Satèn versions), which is put on the market at least five and a half years after the harvest.

After the disgorgement, the wines undergo a dosage of additional wine and sugar, the quantity of which, results in further sub-typologies:

- **Non dosato** (also known as Pas Dosé): up to 3 gr/liter (natural residue of the wine);
- **Extra Brut:** up to 6 gr/liter;
- **Brut:** up to 12 gr/liter;
- **Extra Dry:** from 12 to 17 gr/liter;
- **Dry:** from 17 to 32 gr/liter;
- **Demi-Sec:** from 33-50 gr/liter.

Normally, the prestigious versions of the Riserva can be produced in Brut, Extra Brut, and Pas Dosé - with the exception of the Satèn, which can only be produced in Brut.

# Franciacorta Dosage Zéro

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 **Franciacorta DOCG Brut Nature Cabochon Doppiozero 2018**  
**MONTE ROSSA**

*Blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the best farm crus, 48 months on lees, emblem of impeccable research on quality. Smell of bergamot, peach tobacco, touches of chamomile and jasmine. Taste tender-crisp, of great persistence, with floral-citrus return.*



97+

 **Franciacorta DOCG Pas Dosé Gran Cuvée Alma 2019**  
**BELLAVISTA**

*Selection of basic wines to which are added several years of reserve wines, partly fermented in oak. Chardonnay with the participation of Pinot Noir and Bianco, faceted nose, hawthorn and peach Duchessa d'Este, then white pepper and lemongrass, taut mouth, savory, persistence.*



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 **Franciacorta DOCG Elleseddi 2020**  
**1701**

*The attention and varietal accuracy of the first biodynamic winery of Franciacorta, which is opening the road to one of the plausible scenarios of the future Franciacorta. Chardonnay, small contribution of Pinot Noir, notes of white melon, sage and white pepper on the nose, great taste persistence, spicy recall.*



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 **Franciacorta DOCG Dosaggio Zero Zerouno**  
**COLLINE DELLA STELLA - ARICI**

*The impeccable style of Andrea's winery in one of the highlights of the typology: Chardonnay with minimum contribution of Pinot Noir, rich aroma, hints of jasmine, lemon peel and lemongrass, on the palate floral and citrus recall, closed on slightly almond hints.*



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 **Franciacorta DOCG Brut Nature**  
**MOSNEL**

*A Brut Nature in great dust for a winery-symbol of Franciacorta, from Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc. Great freshness from the nose, notes of pink grapefruit, wild rosemary and verbena, with traces of zest of cedar. At the sip citrus recall, great crunchiness and length.*



## DOSAGE ZÉRO

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⊕ Franciacorta DOCG Sublimis 2016  
UBERTI

*Uberti's beautiful bio-dyed project, realized in a typically rich raw material: 100% Chardonnay from a single vineyard in Calino, with plants over 30 years old, 72 months on the lees. Balance and tension, nose of bergamot and tobacco peach, then fresh thyme and field mowing. Sip with officinal return.*



96+

⊕ Franciacorta DOCG Vintage Collection Dosage Zéro 2019  
CA' DEL BOSCO

*Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc from 24 certified organic vineyards, on the lees for 48 months, the brilliant no-compromises of Zanella. Complex nose, notes of lime, yellow plum and salted caramel. At the mouth tension, officinal memory, closed on spicy notes.*



96+

⊕ Franciacorta DOCG Dosaggio Zero Riserva La Casella 2016  
ENRICO GATTI

*A vintage Reserve of great prestige, from unique vineyard and pure Chardonnay, paradigm of great balance. Quince and pineapple on the nose, with notes of sage and touches of white pepper, sipped imposing attack, on officinal hints, fruity recall, closed on spicy memories.*



96+

⊕ Franciacorta DOCG Nature Lantieri  
LANTIERI

*Sumptuous not dosed by Chardonnay, with 20% Pinot Noir, with 30 months on the lees. Nose of beautiful intensity, notes of yellow peach, hints of marjoram and touches of nutmeg, on the palate crisp-taut, with yellow fruit recalls and officinal nuances. Close of great persistence.*



95+

⊕ Franciacorta DOCG Blanc de Noirs Raccolta 2019  
1701

*Pinot Noir in its purity, partially vinified in barrique, 50 months on the lees, one of the bets made at home. Olfactory attack with lemon balm, then lime and notes of red currant, toasted touches, to the sip intense, sapid, with nice length, very officinal.*



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⊕ Franciacorta DOCG Dosaggio Zero Zèro 2019  
CONTADI CASTALDI

*Equal blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, at least 38 months of ageing on yeasts, 6 more after disgorging. Intense smell, sensations of yellow plum, wild rosemary, with notes of litchi, salty taste, with sensations of yellow and officinal fruit.*



## DOSAGE ZÉRO

94+

**Franciacorta DOCG Dosaggio Zero Animante L.A.****BARONE PIZZINI**

*Balanced blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and White, 70 months on the lees, articulated scent of lemon balm, wild sage and melon, with touches of lime. The drink is salty, with hints of officinal and citrus notes. It closes on fruity sensations.*



94+

**Franciacorta DOCG Berlucchi '61 Nature Blanc de Blancs 2017****GUIDO BERLUCCHI**

*From pure Chardonnay, partially fermented in wood, then 5 years on the yeasts, with a nose of citrus thyme and clementine peel, the sorsata is salty, of tension and intensity, with an officinal and citrusy appeal, closed on notes of yellow fruit.*



# Franciacorta Extra Brut

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### Franciacorta DOCG Extra Brut Vintage Collection Extra Brut 2019

**CA' DEL BOSCO**

*Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc in a balanced blend, on the lees for 48 months. Smell of lively complexity, notes of lime, white peach, then ginger and star anise. At the mouth brackish tension, with spicy memory and fruity notes.*



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### Franciacorta DOCG Extra Brut Museum Release 2011

**RICCI CURBASTRO**

*An equal blend of Chardonnay/Pinot Noir of great consistency, an aroma that begins with notes of yellow melon, with shades of rosemary, then jasmine. To the sip officinal recall, savory, return of the fruity sensations and closure still on officinal nuances.*



96+



### Franciacorta DOCG Extra Brut Ziliani C 2020

**CHIARA ZILIANI**

*Masterful blend with a slight prevalence of Chardonnay, with Pinot Noir decisive as a contribution to the richness of taste. Aroma that sticks on notes of white blueberry, then elder and zest of cedar, tension, crunchiness and intensity to the sip, with the recall of small fruits and floral notes.*



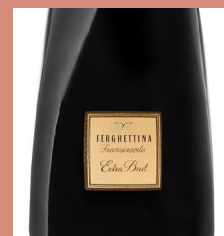
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### Franciacorta DOCG Extra Brut Riserva 2016

**FERGHETTINA**

*A great classic of the house in a complete reading, from project in organic management. Chardonnay, with 1/5 of Pinot Noir, 72 months on the lees. Nose opening on notes of wild rosemary, then Valdostan mint, scents of yellow plum and litchi, on the palate officinal references and great length.*



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### Franciacorta DOCG Extra Brut 2020

**ROMANTICA**

*Excellent reference with a great prevalence of Chardonnay and a small participation of Pinot Noir, 48 months on the lees, for the family winery Avanzi. Nose with touches of wild sage, hints of Duchessa d'Este peach, followed by white iris. The mouthfeel is officinal, very persistent, with hints of white fruit.*



EXTRA BRUT

94+

**Franciacorta DOCG Berlucchi '61 Extra Brut****GUIDO BERLUCCHI**

*Blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, with the contribution of 20% of reserve wines, great olfactory richness, with sensations of Michellini peach, white pepper, nuances of mint from the Aosta Valley and cedar, full and compact taste, with fruity and spicy notes. Closure with notes of menthol.*





# Franciacorta Brut

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### Franciacorta DOCG Cabochon Fuoriserie N° 025

#### MONTE ROSSA

Blend Chardonnay-Pinot Noir 70/30, with 20% of reserve wines, one of the 'evergreens' of the production company. Apricot jam with nose, hints of salty caramel, citrine thyme, bergamot and eucalyptus, very balsamic, very persistent. Final on citrus notes.



97+



### Franciacorta DOCG Brut Nobleblanc

#### CASTELLO DI GUSSAGO LA SANTISSIMA

Chardonnay 100% all freshness and great propensity to the mouth for a winery that is emerging more and more in the typology. Nose that sticks to notes of rosemary and green apple, with hints of hawthorn, to the sip floral and mentholated references. Closes whit almond nuances.



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### Franciacorta DOCG Cuvée Royale

#### TENUTA MONTENISA

Great elegance for this assemblage Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Blanc from the Franciacorta estate of Antinori family. Nose with hints of apricot, citrine thyme and white pepper, on the palate memories of fruit with orange pulp, spicy nuances and hints of toasted dried fruit.



96+



### Franciacorta DOCG Cru Perdu BIO 2019

#### CASTELLO BONOMI

Memorable edition of an impeccable vintage, from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in proportion 70/30. Nose that sticks on notes of nectarine, then chinotto and hints of lime, very mentholated and taut taste, with citrus sensations and officinal nuances. Aftertaste of great length.



96+



### Franciacorta DOCG Brut Ziliani C 2020

#### CHIARA ZILIANI

Another excellent reference from Chiara's winery, from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir raised in Provaglio d'Iseo, 18 months on the lees. Intense nose, hints of ginger, quince and hawthorn, with nuances of blood orange zest. The sip is iodine-brackish, with floral memories. Closes on fruity notes.



BRUT

96+

**Franciacorta DOCG Brut Millesimato 2020****MONZIO COMPAGNONI**

*A great classic from Adro's winery, here in a version of magnificent balance. Vintage blend, with ¾ of Chardonnay and ¼ of Pinot Noir, nose with notes of yellow plum, sage tension, nuances of litchi. Very iodized to the sip, showing tension and persistence.*



96+

**Franciacorta DOCG Brut Turra 2018****TURRA**

*Surprising 100% Chardonnay Brut for Roberto's winery, characterized by great intensity both to the nose and to the mouth. Olfaction that begins on notes of yellow plum, then litchi and notes of eucalyptus. The mouthfeel is taut, brackish, with hints of yellow fruit and a balsamic finish.*



95+

**Franciacorta DOCG Brut****RICCI CURBASTRO**

*Blend 'complete', with Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Noir, very intense from the nose, refined, sensations of litchi and peach Duchessa d'Este, fresh thyme and cinnamon puffs. The sip is salty, of great persistence, with call of white fruit and spicy scents.*



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**Franciacorta DOCG Brut Francesco I****UBERTI**

*Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir with 30 months of aging on yeasts, a paradigm of great olfactory-gustatory freshness. Smell with a hint of wild mint, then eucalyptus and white currant, with hints of jasmine. Savory drink with balsamic note.*



94+

**Franciacorta DOCG Cuvée Real Brut****ANTICA FRATTA**

*Blend with a great predominance of Chardonnay, with the participation of Pinot Noir, at least 24 months on lees, citrus smell, notes of cedar, salvia lemonade, hints of white pepper, touches of eucalyptus, very crispy and citrusy sip, with balsamic appeal.*



93+

**Franciacorta DOCG Brut****MURATORI**

*The apex of taste freshness and verticality from a Chardonnay aged for 24 months on yeasts. Olfactory attack on sensations of apple from the Val di Non, chinotto and lime, with hints of hawthorn. Crunchy, savory and nice length to sip.*



# Franciacorta Satèn

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 Franciacorta DOCG Satèn Conte di Provaglio  
**CHIARA ZILIANI**

One of the landmarks of the type, from 100% Chardonnay cultivated in Provaglio d'Iseo. Nose of peach, touches of citrine thyme, hints of ginger and white pepper. The mouth is savory, with hints of ginger and the finish is typically almonded.



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 Franciacorta DOCG Satèn 2019  
**BELLAVISTA**

Chardonnay in purity for 60 months on the lees, complexity smell, lime notes, then Abate pear and elder, with hints of anise, at sip it is crisp and iodized, with a hint of officinal and fruity. It closes on spicy sensations.



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 Franciacorta DOCG Satèn Millesimato 2020  
**MONZIO COMPAGNONI**

Very measured and rich Satèn from Chardonnay in purity. Nose that begins with hints of Renetta apple and lemon sage, with nuances of lime. Palate that sticks on officinal memories, with fruity hints. Finish with return of the fruity notes.



95+

 Franciacorta DOCG Satèn  
**BERSI SERLINI**

Still Chardonnay, with part of the mass vinified in French oak, then at least two years on yeasts. Aroma of excellent tension, nuances of yellow lemon, then citrine thyme and green pepper. Massive attack on the palate, with spicy and citrusy hints. Closes with officinal memories.



95+

 Franciacorta DOCG Satèn  
**BOSIO**

Chardonnay 100%, 28 months on the lees, citrusy and of great tension. Nose with hints of cedar of Sorrento, lemongrass and touches of white iris. The sip is crisp and with a beautiful tension, with citrus recalls and very long persistence.



## SATÈN

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**Franciacorta DOCG Satèn**
**MURATORI**

*Balanced and refined, clear reading from Chardonnay grapes, organic, about 30 months on the lees. Compact nose, hints of salted caramel, apricot, with iodine-salty touches. Very persistent taste, with fruity and iodized recalls.*



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**Franciacorta DOCG Satèn 2019**
**CONTADI CASTALDI**

*Chardonnay in purity, at least 30 months on the yeasts, to the nose is complex and articulated, with hints of yellow apple, then hawthorn and touches of cinnamon, with puffs of toasted dried fruit. The drink shows floral and fruity notes, light almond-sweetness, closed by spicy notes.*



94+


**Franciacorta DOCG Essenze Satèn 2020**
**ANTICA FRATTA**

*Chardonnay in purity, over 30 months on the yeasts, very iodized to the nose, with notes of plum and yellow apple, hints of rosemary and sensations of cinnamon, compact to drink, with memories of the yellow fruit, officinal puffs and spicy closure.*



94+


**Franciacorta DOCG Satèn Donna Cora 2020**
**TENUTA MONTENISA**

*Chardonnay in purity, 60 months on the lees of pure elegance, sticks to the nose with hints of thyme cedrina, candied fruit and white melon, with citrus tension of bergamot on the finish, the sip is iodate-salted, very crunchy, then recalls tropical fruits.*



# Franciacorta Rosé

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 Franciacorta DOCG Riserva Lucrezia Etichetta Rosé 2011  
**CASTELLO BONOMI**

Great class and refinement, from a 100% Pinot Noir that stops for 130 months on the lees. Nose of great complexity, white raspberry, notes of wild sage and Valdostan mint, nuances of clementine. Intensity also to the mouth, with mentholated recall and small fruits.



96+

 Franciacorta DOCG Rosae Nectaris 2017  
**DERBUSCO CIVES**

Great fullness of taste for a reference of great reliability. 100% Pinot Noir, 54 months on the lees, touches of blood orange, ginger and pink grapefruit on the nose. Crunchy sip, with a hint of citrus notes and touches of ginger. Long taste persistence.



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 Franciacorta DOCG Rosé Pas Dosé Parosé  
Millesimato 2018  
**MOSNEL**

One of the highlights of the house, from Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay, 54 months on the lees, characterized by an impeccable balance given by the careful processing. Rich aroma, lemongrass and chinotto, touches of pomegranate and white pepper. On the palate taut and officinal, nice sapidity. Closes on menthol notes.



95+

 Franciacorta DOCG Annamaria Clementi Rosé 2015  
**CA' DEL BOSCO**

The pink version of a label that has made the history of the typology, over 100 months on the lees for a Pinot Noir in rioting purity. The aroma is refined, with hints of liquorice, barley candy and notes of dogwood. Intense and savory mouthfeel, with a hint of small fruits and nuances of cereals.



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 Franciacorta DOCG Rosé Qrosé 2019  
**QUADRA**

Pinot Noir, with the fundamental participation of Chardonnay, for one of the main wines of the winery guided until a few weeks ago by Mario Falcetti. Captivating nose, red raspberry, notes of nutmeg and linden. Palate equally rich, spicy hints, closed officinal.



ROSÉ

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**Franciacorta DOCG Rosé 2020****BARONE PIZZINI**

*Impeccable interpretation of rosé from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in 70/30 ratio, partially aged in wood. Captivating nose, with cranberry and rosehip, barley candy and pink pepper, the mouth is iodised, with spicy appeal, return of small fruits and final on floral notes.*





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