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## THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME

After the arrival of Cluniac Monks in the **XI Century**, the area was declared to be exempt from duties

The name Franciacorta comes from **«francaecurtes»** or free courts

# THE ORIGIN OF THE WINE

The grapevine has always had a home in Franciacorta

In 1570 the Breschiandoctor Gerolamo Confort in his book 4. **ibellusde Vino Mordaci**- wrote of the outstanding aptitude of the Fonciacorta area for producing "mordacious" or **stinging wines**, underecoring the significant distribution and widespread consumption-even during that timeof wines "with bubbles".





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1. THE ORIGIN

# **MODERN HISTORY**

- 1961: The first bottle of Franciacorta is produced
- 1967: Franciacorta is granted the Denominaziona di Origine Controllata (DOC)
- 1990: The voluntary Consortium for the protection of Franciscorta wine is founded with 29 producer members
- 1961: The first bottle of Franciacorta is produced
- 1992: The viticultural zoning study began
- 1995: The DOCG rulebook is approved by the Consortium
- 1997: The first bottle of Franciacorta with the DOCG seal is released
- 2002: The regulation states that Franciacorta can be designated as only 'Franciacorta' on a label with no additional wording required
- 2002: The first certified organic of Franciacorta is released
- 2017: The limited inclusion of the ancient native white grape Erbamatis added to the rulebook
- 2024: Following 3 years of work, the first Franciacorta Vineyard and Zone Mapby Alessandro Masnaghetti is completed

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# FRANCIACORTA: WINE AND LAND

# FRANCIACORTA, THE WINE

Franciacorta was the first Italian wine produced exclusively by the method of secondary fermentation in the bottle DCCG

Today, the wine label simply reads Franciacorta, a single term that identifies:

- the growing area
- the production metho
- the wine

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FRANCIACORTA, THE REGION
Located in the heart of Lombardy
Close to Milan, Bergamo and Brescia
Extends over 19 municipalities
Territory covers49,421 acres
Size of the vineyand area dedicated to
Franciacorta DOCG is 7,623 acres



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# FRANCIACORTA: WINE AND LAND

#### FRANCIACORTA, THE LAND

Unity of the south of Lake Izeo in the heart of Lombardy, Franciscorta has a wide range of soil types and site climates that make it natural vine territory. Franciscorta extends over10 municipalities in the province of Brescia, but the area is equally enthrelling for its cultural heritage, history and superh countryside.







N/W:OglioRiver S/W: MonteOrfano



# FRANCIACORTA: WINE AND LAND

# FRANCIACORTA, THE PEDOLOGY

Observing Franciacorta and the Lake Iseo area from above you can clearly see the shape of the **morainic amphitheater** 

The moraine-originating soils of Franciacorta have an enormous wealth of added minerals, which are different from the autochthonous rocks naturally found there. This diversity of soils forms the basis for the area's high-quality viticulture









# FRANCIACORTA: WINE AND LAND

### FRANCIACORTA, THE CLIMATE

Broadly described as Continental. Rains are frequent in autumn and spring.

Annual precipitation volumes of around 40 inches, with levels ranging between
20 and 23 inches during the growing season

## Lake Effect

- The proximity of Lake Iseo moderates the climate of the region and provides:
- · cooling influence during summer
- warming influence during winter

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# FRANCIACORTA, THE SOILS

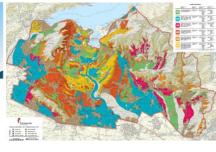
General Soil Characteristics in region:

- Morainic = of glacial origin
- · Generally poor in clay
- Can be very deep and often rocky
   High permeability and well draining











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# THE CONSORZIO

Founded in **March 1990** the Consorzio per la tutela del Franciacorta has over 200 members in 3 professional categories growers winemakers and bottlers

They are producing: Franciacorta DOCG, Curtefranca DOC, and Sebino IGT

123 consortium-associatedwineries make up Franciacorta, representing 98% of producers operating in the area THE MISSION

- Protecting the brand worldwide
- Monitoring the production process and regulation changes
- Monitoring grape and wine market trends and propose actions to maintain balance Protection and supervision of the quality requirements of wine sold on the market
- Promoting and enhancing the denomination through targeted communications and organization of events in Italy and abroad
- Training and research to provide members with cutting-edge innovative technical solutions
   Supporting sustainability in every field.

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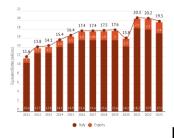
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- > Anonymous system the flow of data passes through a double source encryption system, which prevents any possibility of identifying data referring to individual companies

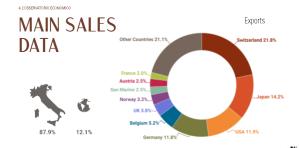
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**MAIN SALES DATA** 













#### 6. SUSTAINABILITY

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# ORGANIC VITICULTURE

Today the areas conducted under organic regulation amount to 55% out of a total of approximately 3,241 hectares

#### ITA.CA PROJECT

The first Italian method for the calculation of carbon footprint

Franciacorta was the first area in the world in calculating the carbon footprint of every single farm, on a very wide surface



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#### 6. SUSTAINABILITY

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#### REGULTATION OF THE USE OF CROP PROTECTION PRODUCTS

Through the entire Franciacorta region there is a unified and strict set of regulations governing the use of agrochemicals in the vineyards located near urban centers, schools or park

## MATING DISRUPTION AND PHYTO-BUT MONITORING

The Consortium coordinates monitoring activities of the mainphytophagusof the vine, supporting winemakers in order to optimize and reduce interventions as much as possible

as much as possible. Making disruption for the defense of the vineyard from the *Lobesia botrana* vine moth covers about 4,450 acres, where insecticide treatments have been entirely replaced by sex pheromone diffusers.

These diffusers have no impact on the environment or on human health



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## 7. THE FRANCIACORTA METHOD



Rigid and meticulous rules for obtaining wines of absolute quality is the order of the Consorzio Franciscorts and of its member producers. From permitting only the noble grape varieties, to manual harvesting, second fermentation in the bottle, and extended maturation on the lees, the Franciscorts method is designed to ensure the highest quality of every single level.

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7. THE FRANCIACORTA METHO



THE GRAPES: CHARDONNAY, PINOT NERO, PINOT BIANCO, ERBAMAT

Permitted grapes for Franciacorta are Chardonnay, Pinot Nero and Pinot Bianco with the last permitted up to a maximum of 50%

As of 2017 Erbamat, an ancient indigenous white grape variety, was admitted into the rulebook, with a maximum allowance of 10%, for all styles except for Satenwhere it is not permitted, to assess its potential gradually

Erbamatis characterized by its late maturation and high acidity that a contributes freshness to Franciacorta while preserving its identity

The first mention of this grape dates back to the 16th century with its mention in a book, "Le dieci giornate dell'agricoltura" in 1564

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THE FRANCIACORTA METHOD



THE TRAINING METHODS

Period prior to the 1960s & 1970s: Mostly on the Pergola system

Mid 1970s to mid 1980s: High trellising systems such as Sylvoz

Since the 1990s: Denser planting with at least 4,000 – 5,000 vines per hectare, which reduced plant growth and limited yields

Today: The current regulations require trellis systems pruned to guyotor spurred cordon and a minimum density of 4,500 vines per hectare Limited yields per vine of 1.52 kg

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THE FRANCIACORTA METHOD



## THE HARVEST

- Maximum yields: 12 tons of grapes per hectare
- Manual Harvestonly
- First week of August until the first of September, depending on vintage

## THE PRESSING

- Yield of finished wines: 65 hl/ha
- Pressing cannot exceed 65%
- Only free-run juice and that obtained from the soft-pressing can be used for the base wines

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7. THE FRANCIACORTA METHO



## THE FIRST FERMENTATION

- Mostly in stainless steel tanks, some in oak barrels
- Cuvées are blended in the spring
- Both from different grape varieties and vineyards, and including the "vin de reserve"

THE SECOND FERMENTATION + TIRAGE

The **liquor de tirage**is added to start the slow second fermentation

The bottles are sealed and stacked horizontally in cellars for their extended periods of aging

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THE RIDDLING

After the maturation period, the bottles are inserted into traditional riddling racks or gyropallets in order to move the lees into the neck of the bottles

## THE DISGORGEMEN

The metal plug- and the sediments are removed

The addition of the **'liqueur d'expédition**', determines the final style of the Franciacorta

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# THE TYPOLOGIES THE STYLES Franciacorta Satèn Grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, (max. 60%) Maturation: millimum of 24 months from tirage with a minimum of 3 atm Styles: Only Brut (also when Viritage or Riserva)











