



bottle sizes

0.75 l

1.5 l

3 l

Franciacorta DOCG Brut Satèn

Alcohol: 13 % vol.

Vintage: 2004

Component grape varieties and percentages: Chardonnay

Year first produced: 1996

Annual production: 25,000 bottles; 500 magnums; 80 Jeroboams

Vineyard location and exposure: In our estate vineyards with east-southeast exposure.

Soil profile: Level and slightly undulating terrain in loose morainic soils of medium fertility, with medium-deep gravel-pebble mixture.

Training system: Spurred cordon.

Yield per hectare: 80 quintals of grapes/hectare = 52 hectolitres/hectare.

Harvest: Hand picking into small boxes, between the last week in August and the first week in September 2004.

Vinification: The clusters are gently pressed in a pneumatic press, and the first and second fractions are kept separate. After a 12-hour gravity settling at 13°C, the must is inoculated with cultured yeasts and the wine ferments, part at controlled temperatures in stainless steel, part (40%) in small oak barrels, and then goes through malolactic fermentation. The cuvée is assembled in March, the liqueur di tirage added and the bottles capped, and the bottles are laid down for the prise de mousse.

Maturation, ageing: The tiered-up bottles remain in our 17th-century cellars for 36 months before riddling. The sediment is then removed and they are given a Brut-style liqueur d'expédition, then corked and wired. This Franciacorta then rests in the bottle a minimum of three more months before release.