

FRANCIACORTA DOCG PAS DOSÉ

RISERVA 2007 "RIEDIZIONE 2022"

Composed of Pinot Bianco vinified in steel, and with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vinified in small French oak barrels, QdE have rested almost 14 years sur lie, until it achieves the desired level of maturity, further developed by a slow bottle-aging. A deep, shimmering gold to the eye, it releases elegant floral impressions of robinia and camomile that caress citrusy notes of candied citron and bergamot, along with a pungent touch of ginger and spice bread. Immediately appealing, it exhibits appreciable weight in the mouth, it silky texture keeping nicely in bounds a tangy crispness, which nevertheless powers a lengthy progression that concludes with rich mixed nuts and dried fruit.

VINEYARD LOCATION AND EXPOSURE: In our vineyards facing east-southeast.

SOIL PROFILE: Undulating terrain in a glacial-origin bowl, with loose soils of medium fertility, with medium-deep gravel-pebble mixture. **TRAINING SYSTEM:** Guyot.

YIELD PER HECTARE: 85 quintals of grapes/hectare = 55 hectolitres/hectare.

HARVEST: Hand picking into small boxes, during the last ten days of August 2007.

VINIFICATION: The clusters were gently pressed in a pneumatic press, and the first and second fractions were kept separate. After a 12-hour gravity settling at 13°C, the must was inoculated with cultured yeasts and the wine was fermented, part at controlled temperatures in stainless steel, part in oak barrels, and then went through malolactic fermentation. The cuvée was assembled in March 2008, the liqueur de tirage added and the bottles capped; then the bottles were laid down for the prise de mousse.

MATURATION, AGEING: The tiered-up bottles remained in our 17th-century cellars for almost 14 years before riddling. The sediment was then removed and they were given the Pas Dosé-style liqueur d'expedition, then corked and wired. This Franciacorta then rested in the bottle some months before release.

ALCOHOL: 12,5% vol.

COMPONENT GRAPE VARIETIES: Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir.

YEAR FIRST PRODUCED: 2001.



