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WINE NAME: Franciacorta D.O.C.G. "Brut".

GRAPE VARIETY: Chardonnay 80%, Pinot Nero 20%.

SOIL COMPOSITION: Alluvional morain soil of early origin with an extremely sandy structure and very frequent presence of morain stones.

VINE: Village of Cazzago San Martino.

EXPOSURE AND HEIGHT: South-west exposure with light slope, 230 meters above sea-level.

GROWING AND TRAINING SYSTEM AND PLANT SPACING: Cordon and Guyot training system, density of 5000 plants per ha.

YIELD: 80 ql./ha

HARVEST TIMING: Between the end of August and early September. Grapes are harvested by hand in small crates in the coolest hours of the morning.

VINIFICATION: Soft pressing of whole grapes by pneumatic press. The first fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature after the addition of selected yeasts.

FOAM FORMATION: *The cuvee, a blend of the vinified* grapes from the winery's different vineyards is made just before tirage which usually takes place in april and May.

DISGORGING: Generally after 24 months when aging has given reached the required characteristics disgourging is carried out by priming with of Liqueur d'expedition; at the end the Brut is around 5-6 g/l of sugar. After refining in the winery for three months, Franciacorta Brut DOCG is ready for shipping and tasting.

