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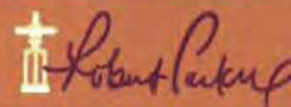
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NV Borgo la Gallinaccia Franciacorta Brut

 Add to Print List**RATING:** 90+ points**PRODUCER:** Borgo la Gallinaccia**FROM:** Franciacorta,
Lombardy, Italy**VARIETY:** Proprietary Blend**DRINK:** 2014 - 2017**ESTIMATED COST:****SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,
#210
Dec 2013

The non-vintage Franciacorta Brut (85% Chardonnay and 15% Pinot Nero) is a tight and streamlined sparkler that exudes elegance on all levels. It opens to a golden straw color with delicate tones of white flower, crushed mineral and peach. The acidity is absolutely spot-on. Drink: 2014-2017.

"Underwear!" exclaims proprietor Matteo Gazziero with cheerful exuberance when I ask what his day job is. The undergarment manufacturer makes 18,000 bottles of Franciacorta per year in his spare time. Although Borgo La Gallinaccia is not currently imported to the United States, these wines are definitely worth seeking out. This was the surprise discovery of my tasting.

No American importer.

-Monica Lamer

NV Borgo la Gallinaccia Franciacorta Pas Dose

 Add to Print List**RATING:** 92 points**PRODUCER:** Borgo la Gallinaccia**FROM:** Franciacorta,
Lombardy, Italy**VARIETY:** Chardonnay**DRINK:** 2014 - 2018**ESTIMATED COST:****SOURCE:** eRobertParker.com,
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The non-vintage Franciacorta Pas Dose (100% Chardonnay) shows an immediately smooth and silky style with mildly toasted almond and bread. Pretty floral notes of jasmine and honeysuckle also make lasting appearances. This sparkler drinks beautifully right now or could hold a few more years. Drink: 2014-2018.

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