



CONTRATTO
1867



ALTA LANGA DOCG
ZONA DI PRODUZIONE



Contratto was founded in 1867 by Giuseppe Contratto and the winery is known as the oldest producer of "Metodo Classico" (Champagne Method) sparkling wine in Italy.

The winery has a long, distinguished history. At the turn of the 20th century, its wines were leaving the village of Canelli for destinations all over the world (predominantly to royal houses), and Contratto was the personal supplier to the Vatican as well as to the Italian Royal Family. Awards and medals from international exhibitions and contests of the time emphasize why the name of Contratto has long been synonymous with prestige and quality in the world of sparkling wine.

The historical Estate has breathtaking cellars carved into the tuff limestone hillside that protects the small town of Canelli. These cathedral cellars are among the finest of their kind, excavated at a depth of 32 meters. The cellars maintain a constant annual temperature of 13°C and sufficient natural humidity. This ideal environment for bottle fermentation and maturation helps Contratto to craft wines of purity and complexity.

Now with the Estate in the hands of iconic winemaker Giorgio Rivetti of La Spinetta, the Estate has reached new echelons.

This is seriously some of the best sparkling wine found in Italy distinguished by the distinctive Art Deco designs on the bottle. These wines are very impressive. – The Wine Advocate

All wines are hand riddled for 4 weeks.

CONTRATTO 2021 ALTA LANGA DOCG BLANC DE NOIRS PAS DOSÉ "FOR ENGLAND"

- 100% Pinot Noir from the Estate vineyard in Bossolasco (Alta Langa).
- Vines extend up to 720 meters above sea level.
- The grapes are handpicked, selected and cooled down before pressing and fermented dry in temperature-controlled tanks. The lots mature in tank for several months and are then blended and bottled for secondary fermentation.
- 1st and 2nd fermentations are with indigenous natural yeast.
- Aged at least 36 months on lees (the DOCG requires a minimum of 30).
- No dosage (Pas Dosé) and hand riddled (mark on bottom of bottle).

95 Points Decanter: "A pale blush shade, with delicate but very precise aromas of sour cherry and raspberry, and a distinct note of flintiness. The palate has structure and body, creamy texture, and a concentration of fruit which carries through to give contrast to the firm, savory finish. A Pas Dosé of great balance and refinement, completely dry, but without harshness."

92 Points Vinous: "With a slight copper tinge, the 2021 displays savory notes of wet stones, flowery underbrush and herbs before giving way to crushed apples. It is beautifully balanced, mineral-intense yet fresh with a silken wave of fine bubbles and nuances of custard that add richness toward the close. The wine leaves a pleasantly chewy sensation and hints of orange sorbet while finishing long and crisp. These are vibrant, energetic wines that display remarkable purity and complexity. Despite their zero dosage, they also possess remarkable richness and balance. Contratto delivers some of the finest examples of Alta Langa."