

BACI DOLCI



"Sweet Kiss"

Semi-Sweet Bubbly Red Wine

IGT Veneto, Italy

VARIETIES

50% Marzemino, 50% Merlot

VINIFICATION

Grapes are harvested separately as each vineyard site reaches ideal phenolic ripeness. The fresh grapes are crushed gently, and the skins are left in contact with the juice for a brief maceration. The goal is to extract just enough color and body from the skins before too much tannin kicks in. Fermentation takes place using selected yeast in closed, temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks. As the yeasts convert the juice's sugars into alcohol, carbon dioxide is released. Because the tanks are closed, the carbon dioxide is 'trapped' in the wine, which makes it bubbly. When the wine reaches 6.5% alcohol, the temperature is lowered. This kills the yeasts and stops the fermentation before all the sugars in the juice have been converted into alcohol. What remains is a sweet, bubbly red wine. The finished wine is stored in tank until bottling, so only the freshest wine is shipped to the market.

ABOUT THE WINERY

Baci Dolci is produced by Cantina Colli Euganei, a cooperative located in the Euganean Hills of the Veneto. The name is given by the indigenous Euganei people, who made the beautiful rolling hills of vines and olives their home since pre-Roman times. The cooperative purchases grapes from about 680 local growers, making them the true heart of this winemaking community since 1949. The winery is located in a nationally protected geographic area, so care for the environment is a must. The Euganean Hills are a stunning collection of volcanic peaks located between Verona and Venice. Volcanic soil provides a perfect setting for local grape varieties like Marzemino which has been planted in the area for centuries. It is most famously referenced in Mozart's Don Giovanni opera, "Versa il vino, eccelente Marzemino!" *Pour the wine, excellent Marzemino!*

TASTING NOTE

Fresh aromas of strawberry and black cherry greet you in this delicate, slightly frizzante wine. Medium-bodied and ruby red in color, cherry pie flavors combine with a refreshing sparkle that balances the semi-sweet finish.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Great on its own or with pizza, pasta and parties!



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