

CALISSANO

ALTA LANGA METODO CLASSICO PAS DOSÉ 2017



Calissano Alta Langa Metodo Classico comes from the gently rolling hills of the Langhe which have always been considered particularly well-suited to the growing of vines.

The history of Calissano as a spumante-producing winery goes back over 120 years when Duca d'Alba Metodo Classico was introduced at the end of the nineteenth century.

A pas dosé spumante respecting tradition and enhancing the special qualities of the terroir.

VARIETIES

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

PRODUCTION ZONE

The highest hills in the provinces of Asti, Alessandria and Cuneo south and west of the river Tanaro.

ALTITUDE AND ASPECT

South-westerly aspect approximately 350 metres above sea level.

TYPE OF SOIL

Moderately fertile, marly, lime-clay soils.

TRAINING SYSTEM

Free-standing espaliers with Guyot pruning.

HARVEST

Hand-picked to facilitate a first selection of the grapes.

WINEMAKING METHOD

As soon as the grapes arrive in the winery they are transported via rubber conveyor belts so as to sustain as little damage as possible as they go into the press. Soft crushing then allows a yield of around 50% from the first pressing. There follows the first alcoholic fermentation in steel and subsequent batonnage lasting some months. Tirage takes place the next spring. After tirage starts a slow second fermentation in bottle.

AGEING

Ageing on the lees of no less than 30 months

SENSORY PROFILE

Very pale yellow colour with a subtle but consistent perlage
Intense acacia honey and citrus notes on the nose and lingering impressions of bread crust. These aromas are then brought to the fore with a certain complexity on the palate leading to a crisp, entertaining finish.

ABV AND RESIDUAL SUGAR

12.5 %, pas dosé.

RECOMMENDED CELLARING

Lay down for 5 years following dégorgement in a cool and dark place.

FOOD PAIRING

Its intriguing mix of harmony and complexity make it ideal for important occasions with entrées of raw fish or white meat. Also goes extremely well with goat's milk cheese.

