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LOMBARDY

ITALY

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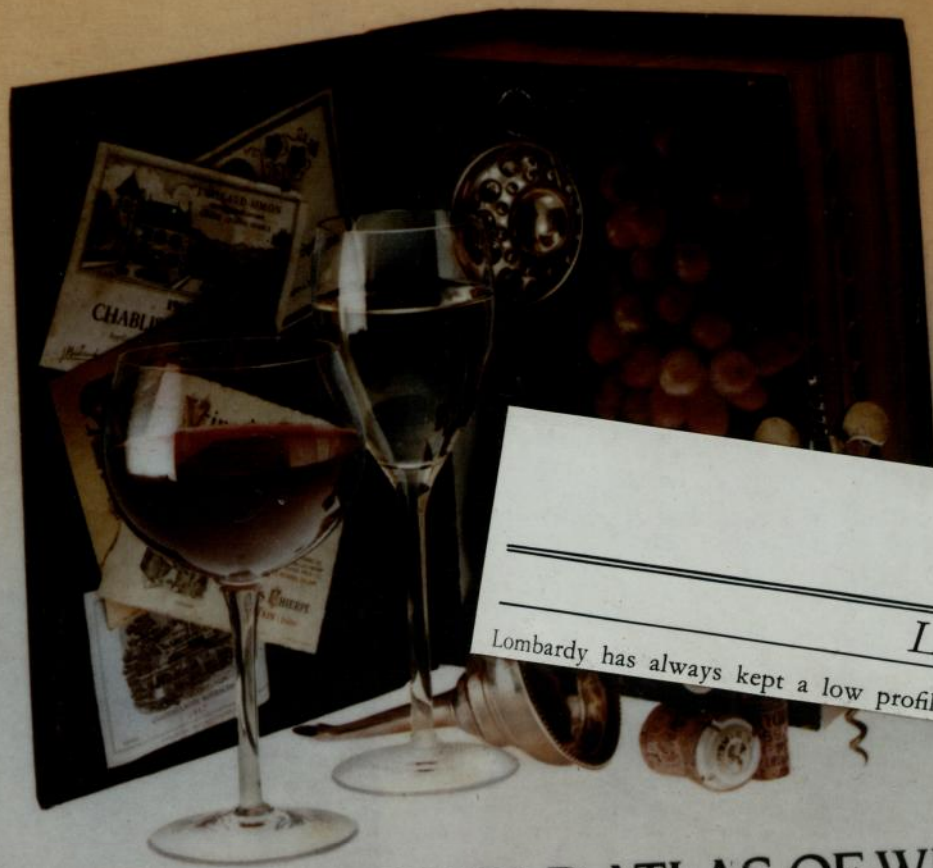
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Giarone Amaro
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Groppello
southwest Garda.

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Cuvée Imperiale Berlucchi Brut, Grande
Rosé, Pas Dosé, all *champenoise*. This relatively new firm
may be Italy's largest producer of champagne-method
wines – some 170,000 cases from their own 173 acres in
the Franciacorta DOC zone plus bought in grapes.

Ca' del Bosco

Erbusco, 25030 Brescia.

Founded: 1968. Owners: The Zanella family. Wine
maker: André Dubois. DOC: Franciacorta Pinot, Rosso.
Other: Rosa Ca' del Bosco, Rosé Ca' del Bosco *champenoise*,
Vino Novello di Erbusco. One of Italy's best sparkling-
wine makers. Their production of 25,000 cases from 94
acres is dominated by Brut, Crémant and remarkably fine
Dosage Zéro from Pinot and Chardonnay. Dubois (from
Epernay) works in ideal oenological conditions.

Il Casale

Santa Maria della Versa, 27047 Pavia.

Owner: Antonio Duca Denari. DOC: Oltrepò Pa-

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Frecciarossa

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Gaggiarone Amaro

An aged Bonarda red from the Oltrepò Pavese.