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Because of its recent availability, we call attention once again to CA' del Bosco. More than a year ago, this now famous sparkling wine from Italy made its debut in this country. Very limited amounts prompted considerable consumer disappointment. The dominant national markets are now getting more of this wine, and in the New England area it is available through Pastene Wine & Spirits. CA' del Bosco is Italy's top sparkling wine. The Pope, we know, drank nothing else in a visit to the Arch-bishop of Milan, and some of the world's classiest restaurants have placed CA' del Bosco on their very hard to place lists: Pinchiorri in Florence, Savini and Marchese both in Milan, Spago in Los Angeles, Le Cirque in New York, etc. And the wunderkind of CA' del

Bosco is a mere twenty-nine years old, Maurizio Zanella, a Milanese millionaire whose vineyards are only a ninety minute ride east of Milan. The initial praises given to Zanella's wine from the likes of Hugh Johnson, Edward Guiliano, and Shelley and Pauline Wasserman are continuing, as national tastings have once again placed CA' del Bosco at the top of many a serious tasters list. Zanella's winemaker Andre Dubois is making several wines, with the most prominent the Pinot Brut and the Dosage Zero, the primary grapes in both being the chardonnay (40%) and pinot bianco (blanc, 40%). Prices may vary, as they range from \$16 for the Dosage to \$20 for the Brut. Price and hype aside, CA' del Bosco is sensuous wine; it is intelligent and complex wine, and worth the drinking price.

CA' DEL BOSCO

Availability is easier for Italy's top sparkling wine.