

VINOUS - TIS THE SEASON FOR SPARKLING WINE

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"We cannot ignore Lambrusco, one of the world's most diverse food-pairing wines. For many years, consumers equated Lambrusco with easily slurpable semi-sweet (Amabile) to sticky-sweet (Dolce) wines. However, over the past two decades, approaches have expanded to offer wines of significant complexity with more savory profiles. There's a lot to like in this category today, especially from the drier (Secco) style. These are deep, rich, lively wines made from a variety of grapes hailing from unique terroirs surrounding the cities of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Readers who have yet to experience what Lambrusco is capable of today are in for a real treat." - Eric Guido

CLETO CHIARLI *Tenute Agricole*



Cleto Chiarli "Lambrusco del Fondatore" Lambrusco di Sorbara DOC 2023 - The 2023 Lambrusco di Sorbara Lambrusco del Fondatore opens with a wild bouquet of crushed cherries and strawberries complemented by a dusting of violet candies. It's more savory than sweet, with a creamy wave of fine bubbles and citrus-tinged wild berry fruits. A citrusy concentration lingers as the 2023 tapers off with hints of sour melon that pinch at the cheeks. **91**



Cleto Chiarli "Vecchia Modena Premium" Lambrusco di Sorbara DOC Brut Frizzante 2023 - The 2023 Lambrusco di Sorbara Vecchia Modena Premium opens with a pleasantly understated mix of dried roses, wild strawberries and lavender. It's juicy and round, with penetrating acidity and crisp red and blue fruits that cascade throughout. This leaves a pleasantly bitter tinge and hints of spice, tapering off with a vivid resonance of sour cherry pits. **89**



Cleto Chiarli "Vecchia Modena Nero" Vigneto Cialdini Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro DOC Brut 2023 - Deep purple in hue, the 2023 Vecchia Modena Nero opens with a bouquet of crushed blackberries, sage and orange sorbet. It's savory within yet full of energy as vibrant acidity motivates its tart wild berry fruits and violet inner florals toward the close. This leaves chalky mineral tones to linger through the perfumed finale, tapering off with cheek-puckering tension that begs the taster to take another sip. **90**