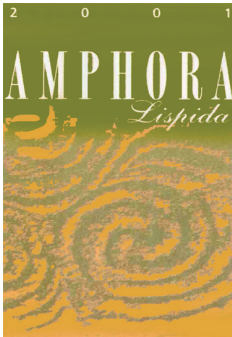


VENETO

CASTELLO DI LISPIDA
MONSELICE

OVERVIEW | Influenced by the likes of master winemaker Josko Gravner and Japan's father of natural agriculture, Masanobu Fukuoka, Lispida's owner/winemaker, Alessandro Sgaravatti, produces expressive natural wines of tremendous distinction in the Euganean Hills about 30 miles west of Venice. Prior to making wine (which began for him in 1995), Alessandro was a neurosurgeon.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | All farming at Castello di Lispida is organic and done by hand. They have four terra-cotta amphoras ranging from 7 feet to 11 feet deep and taper to a point at the base. They hold between 400 and 1,850 gallons of wine. All you see, though, are round openings with 3-inch-thick lips, like goldfish sucking air above the water line. Each amphora is buried in the earth up to its neck. The openings are tightly sealed with Plexiglas disks, each with a small hole stoppered with a plastic bung. Winemaking here is completely natural, with grapes destemmed, skins ruptured, and everything gravity-fed directly into the amphoras. When the fermentation slows, after about 10 days, the amphoras are sealed up and left alone for about six months. Then the skins are removed the clear wine is returned to the amphora for another eight months. Finally, it is bottled without filtering, fining, or even sulphur.



WINES | **Amphora Bianco** - made from Tocai, the wine is made by hand as described above.

H Hispidia Spumante Brut - made from Tocai, the grapes are pressed with a vertical press, then the juice ferments in open wood vats; the wine is then moved into pressure tanks and bottled without adding sulfites and without filtration.

H Hispidia Spumante Rosato Brut - made from Sangiovese, the grapes macerated on the skins for 8-10 hours, then pressed with a vertical press, then the juice ferments in open wood vats; the wine is then moved into pressure tanks and bottled without adding sulfites and without filtration.



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