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Lombardy:

Sparkling:

Ricci Curbastro, Franciacorta (Lombardy, Italy) 2012 (\$35, Domenico Valentino): Riccardo Ricci Curbastro has created a truly exceptional bubbly with the 2012 Extra Brut. Made with a two grams per liter dosage, the 2012 Ricci Curbastro Extra Brut is pure, lively, dry and refreshing. It is a blend of 50% Pinot Nero and 50% Chardonnay wines from vineyards in Iseo and Ricci Curbastro's home village of Capriolo. This exquisitely balanced sparkling wine is pure, complex, exciting and delicious! The bouquet shows lime, lemon and green apple fruits enhanced by hints of flowers, cream and fresh-bread yeastiness. The flavors resonate with juicy lime, lemon and green apple fruits enhanced by the subtle floral and yeasty components. It has a deliciously creamy texture that allows the pure flavors to linger well at the finish.

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