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ITALY
SPARKLING WINES

VINTAGE
FRANCIACORTA

92 Majolini 2006 Pas Dosé Aligi Sassu (Franciacorta). Aligi Sassu is a lovely sparkler without added sugar or liqueur. It offers a fragrance of white flower, lemon drop and nut. The palate delivers citrus, apple and almond flavors along with refined, persistent bubbles and a bone-dry finish. Franciacorta Imports. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.

88 Majolini 2005 Brut Millesimato Electo (Franciacorta). This sparkler has a subdued fragrance of floral notes and beeswax. The palate is more expressive, revealing citrus and honey. It's linear and fresh, with vigorous bubbles. Franciacorta Imports. —K.O.

NONVINTAGE
FRANCIACORTA

90 Majolini NV Brut (Franciacorta). This brut has a lovely fragrance of tropical fruit, peach and a whiff of vanilla. The elegantly sparkling palate shows apple, pear and citrus flavors, plus sage and other Mediterranean herbs. Pair this with light first courses and fresh seafood. Franciacorta Imports. —K.O.