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## Crotin “Nautilus” Spumante Extra Brut Rosé NV

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**Winery:** Crotin 1897

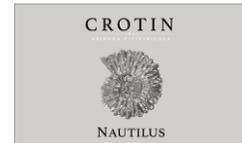
**Category:** Wine – Sparkling - Rosé

**Grape Variety:** 80% Freisa, 20% Pinot Nero

**Region:** Monferrato/ Piemonte/ Italy

**Vineyard:** Estate

**Feature:** Organic



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### Product Information

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**Soil:** 80% clay and 20% ancient marine sand with silt. North-East exposure.

**Altitude:** 260 meters (853 feet)

**Age of vines:** 15 years

**Plant density:** 3,500 vines per hectare

**Vinification:** After a manual harvest the grapes are destemmed, pressed and fermented spontaneously with their native yeasts, with minimal skin contact. The second fermentation is, in pressurized tanks (Charmat Method), where the wine remains in contact with the fine lees for 6 months.

**Tasting Note:** Beautiful balance of fruit and acidity, charming and fresh with delicious bubbles. Great wine for spring picnics, sushi, perfect Aperitivo.

**Production:** 4,000 bottles/ year

**Alc:** 12 %

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### Producer Information

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The name Crotin 1897 refers to all the years Daniela's land has been in her family. She met her Calabrian husband in veterinary school--they both practice natural medicine for animals--and their three boys grew up in Calabria, by the sea. Going back home to make organic wine from the native grapes of Piemonte has been a family affair. Now grown, the three Russo brothers, Federico, Marcello and Corrado, work together, managing the vineyards, the cellar, and the B&B in their charming family home. Besides touring the small cantina, visitors to the estate can walk through Daniela's large vegetable garden, meet Federico's award-winning hunting dogs, and observe the neighbor's small flock of sheep ambling home in the waning daylight.

Tucked away in the rolling Monferrato hills, near the village of Mareto, Crotin is a testament to the Asti region's rustic mix of vineyards, forests and farms. "Rustic" isn't the right word for Crotin's wines, however, not with winemaking of such consistent high quality that the monovarietal bottles sing with varietal typicity. The family's devotion to the indigenous varieties of the region is clear, as new projects work to rescue grapes that have nearly died out. Each vineyard possesses a unique, fascinating geological profile, and each of these honest wines has an exceptional value.

Crotin translates to "little cellar" in Piemonte dialect.

Total vineyard size 24 acres. First vintage in 2002. Organic transition started in 2014, in 2018 they became certified organic in Italy. Total annual production: 40,000 bottles/ 3,333 cases.