

## OVERVIEW



Among Emilia Romagna's Lambrusco-based wines, Lambrusco Grasparrrossa di Castelvetro DOC is noteworthy because of the denomination's main grape variety, Lambrusco Grasparrrossa. Of the dozen or so varieties that comprise the Lambrusco family, Lambrusco Grasparrrossa is the one with the deepest color and the most tannin, so its wines stand out from the other Lambruscos. Since most Lambrusco-based wines are effervescent, these characteristics can come as quite a surprise, albeit an intriguing one. The spiritual home of Lambrusco Grasparrrossa is Castelvetro, a commune located a few miles south of Modena. Wines of Lambrusco Grasparrrossa di Castelvetro DOC are made from at least 85% Lambrusco Grasparrrossa, so they should all display a noticeable tannic element. They will usually be the darkest in a lineup of Lambruscos, too, although the denomination allows a rosato version as well, which looks more like other Lambruscos. Lambrusco Grasparrrossa di Castelvetro DOC can be frizzante or sparkling, but never a still wine. It can range in sweetness from brut nature to dolce.