



TENUTA SANTA MARIA di Gaetano Bertani

AMARONE della VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO RISERVA D.O.C.G.

*In Italian, the name Amarone literally means “Great Bitter,” and was actually coined in 1936 within the very cellars of the Villa Mosconi in reference to a wine the Bertani family had been producing under the name “Recioto Secco,” (Dry Recioto) to distinguish from the much sweeter Veronese Recioto also produced using the “**apassimento**” technique. This Amarone is the most intense of the Tenuta Santa Maria wines, with its characteristic aromas and complexity. The wine is ruby red in color with garnet reflections, and the impact of cherry preserves, spices, and dried rose petals lend complexity and elegance to the nose. Warm and subtle on the palate, it presents an important structure and high alcohol content, balanced by velvety tannins and bright acidity and freshness.*



Classification:	Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva DOCG
Variety:	75% Corvina, 10% Rondinella, 15% Corvinone
Number of bottles produced:	20,000 bottles
Production area:	Arbizzano di Nergar (Verona)
Altitude:	150-200 meters (492-656 feet) a.s.l.
Average age of vines:	29 years
Yield:	4,000 kg/ha
Training system:	Guyot
Vinification:	The finest hand-selected grapes dry for 4-5 months on bamboo and wooden mats in the estate's historic chamber (with natural air circulation) until they reach desired concentration of sugars (when they've lost 40-50% of original weight). The dried fruit is pressed and undergoes temperature-controlled fermentation with daily punch downs
Refining:	Long period in large oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and an additional 4+ years aging; after bottling at least 6 months refining before release
Alcohol:	15% vol.
pH:	3.52
Total acidity:	6.04 g/L
Soil Type:	Primarily clay with deeper calcareous layers
Time of harvest:	Mid-September
Harvesting:	Manual

TASTING NOTES:

“The wine has a ruby red color with garnet reflections. The impact of preserved cherry, spices, and dried rose petals lend complexity and elegance to the nose. To the palate, it has warmth and subtlety, well-structured and with a high alcohol content, balanced by velvety tannins and an elegant acidity and freshness.” **DECANTER – 97 pts on 2013 vintage**