

TENUTA SANTA MARIA

NEGRAR VERONA

DI GAETANO BERTANI



The family, cellars and Estate that originated Amarone



Official documents from as early as the mid-1500s attest to the Bertani family heritage in the Valpolicella region. At the start of the last half of the 1800s, brothers Gaetano & Giovanni Battista Bertani set out to establish a new benchmark for excellence in their craft. Combining their deep respect for tradition and love of the land with innovative drive in both the areas of production and cultivation, the brothers Bertani built an enterprise unique to the Veneto. With a forward-looking spirit, they introduced revolutionary vine growing techniques developed by agronomist Jules Guyot, techniques to which Gaetano Bertani had been exposed during his years of political exile in France for his active role in the Italian Unification Movement against the Austrian Empire.



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This passionate dedication led to the wine we now know as Amarone, a name that was coined within the very cellars of the estate. The term was in reference to a wine the Bertani family had been producing since the early 1900s under the name “Recioto Secco”. Today, Gaetano Bertani, great-grandson of founding brother Gaetano, and his sons, Giovanni and Guglielmo, maintain the family tradition and philosophy with true passion and dedication to the land and their wines.



TENUTA SANTA MARIA DI GAETANO BERTANI 2020 VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO CLASSICO SUPERIORE DOC

In late January, the **Valpolicella Classico Superiore** is poured over the spent skins of Amarone. This Ripasso process involves a second maceration and fermentation, in which the wine acquires a complexity given by the typical aromas of dried grapes, a superior structure and elegance, which the soft tannins create. The wine is then aged for 2 years in oak barrels and rested in bottle for 6 months. A blend of Corvina Corvina 70%, Rondinella 10% and Corvinone 15%, from 25+-year-old vines + Oseleta 5% from 7-year-old vines. The wine is then aged for 2 years in oak barrels and rested in bottle for 6 months.

92 Points, Vinous: *"The 2020 Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso is deeply floral, with hints of lavender and wet stone complicating its wild blueberry fruit. This washes across the palate with juicy waves of ripe wild berries and tactile mineral tones, as hints of citrusy spice collect toward the close. It finishes with admirable length, leaving a tart currant concentration and gently grippy tannins to resonate."*

