



Amarone D.O.C.G. della Valpolicella

**SCUOLA GRANDE**

Grape variety from 45% up to 95% Corvina grape variety, up to a maximum of 50% Corvinone, if substituting the same percentage of Corvina, Rondinella (from 5% to 30%) and small percentages of Oseleta and Molinara grape varieties.

Origin Valpolicella, Verona, Veneto region

Harvest and grape withering the grapes are carefully sorted in the vineyards and only healthy ripe clusters are harvested and put in single layer wooden crates or bamboo frames. This procedure allows the air to circulate and prevent the crushing of the grapes. The so arranged clusters are then placed in winery drying cellars, these perfectly ventilated places, in order to ensure their best preservation. The grapes remain in these cellars for 3-4 months until they have lost at least one half of the initial weight and a sugar concentration of 25%-30% remains in the grapes. This is the phase when the final checks are carried out in order to determine the quality of the dried grapes and proceed with the grape crushing process.

Winemaking once concluded the phase of skin racking and pressing, the grapes are placed in a particular winemaking machine where the crushed grapes can be heated so that the fermentation temperature be kept under control. This takes place in the months of January-February. During this phase it is also possible to break the vinaccia crust this in order to enhance the colour and soft tanning extraction which contributes to softening the wine, giving it pronounced fruity notes. Once concluded the fermentation process, the wine is placed in wooden barrels to age and for this large Slavonian oak barrels and French oak barriques are used. After the wood aging process "affinamento", the Amarone is checked and tasted by oenologists. This phase is concluded by deciding which cuvee will be placed in bottles. Once bottled, the wine is left in "affinamento" to age for a period before release to the market.

Storage and ageing the Amarone della Valpolicella is to be stored in a dry dark place at a temperature of 10-14° C. Thanks to its structure and alcoholic characteristics, combined with the elegance of wood, this wine can be aged for a period of 4-8 years.

Colour deep, dark, intense, with pleasant slight granite shades.

Bouquet a sequence of perceptions of cherry, plum, and black cherries under liquor and toasted almond; interesting final notes of coffee, tobacco and cocoa.

Flavour powerful, warm, spacious, wrapping, light tannic sensation, persistent, long pleasant final sensation of clean oral cavity and the subsequent salivation feeling.

Alcohol content 15,5% vol.

Optimal serving temperature 16-18° C

Gastronomic matches Amarone della Valpolicella combines well with game and grilled red meats as well as with long seasoned aged hard cheese. Also a great contemplation wine.