

Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG Case Vecie Brigaldara



The Producer:

Well-made Amarone is one of Italy's glories; it is a rich, deep flavoured wine with a dry, bitter finish on the palate. The wine is made by selecting the ripest bunches of grapes, drying them for several months on wooden slats or trays, then pressing and fermenting them. The effect of drying is to reduce the water content so that the wine produced has more concentration of flavour. Case Vecie comes from a 10ha vineyard on the top of a hill and surrounded by forest. The name Case Vecie is the local dialect phrase for 'old house' which is near the vineyard. Brigaldara is a founder member of the Families of Amarone – a group of 12 producing families dedicated to maintain high quality Amarone.

The Wine:

Grape(s): 40% Corvina, 30% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella, 10% Others
Area: San Floriano in the centre of the Classico region of Valpolicella. For the Case Vecie wine the grapes come from a 10ha vineyards in Grezzana planted in 1994.
Age of the vines: The first plantings were in 1994 and continued till 2012.
Vine density: 4,000 per ha.
Training system: Guyot
Yield: 36hl/ha
Harvest: Late October
Vinification: The grapes were dried until the end of February and after pressing were fermented at a temperature of 10-20C for 25-30 days in stainless steel vats, after a 45-day maceration. The must was pumped over the skins daily. The malolactic fermentation took place during June and July.
Ageing: Aged for 24 months in barriques and 12/24 months in large 25hl Slavonian oak barrels.
Vegetarian/vegan: This wine is suitable for vegetarians but NOT vegans. Brigaldara use albumen (egg white) to clarify their wines.

Tasting Notes:

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Code: 1351
ABV: 16,5%
Pack: 6x75cl
Vegan: No
Vegetarian: Yes
Closure: Cork