

TENUTA SANTA MARIA VALVERDE

AMARONE RISERVA 2012 - VENETO, ITALY

REGION - Valpolicella, Veneto

APPELLATION - Amarone della Valpolicella Classico D.O.C.G.

VARIETAL(S) - 15% Corvina, 15% Corvinone, 30% Rondinella, 30% Molinara, 10% Oseleta

VINEYARD SIZE - 1,0 hectares (planted in 1992)

SOIL - Volcanic soils from glacial origins (moraine)

ANNUAL PRODUCTION - 225 cases

CELLARING POTENTIAL - 10 to 15 years



VINIFICATION

Grapes were manually harvested and placed into small wooden crates. They were dried until the first weeks of February 2013. The grapes were destemmed and soft-pressed into open-top wood fermenters where they underwent primary fermentation for 20 days at temperatures that never exceeded 26°C with daily pumpovers. Once malolactic fermentation was completed, the wine was was racked into French tonneaux (500 L) where allowed to age on its lees for 60 months before being bottled. The wine rested in bottle for an additional 12 months before its release.

TASTING NOTES

NOSE - Fresh cherry, dried cranberry, blackberries, hint of green bell pepper, vanilla, salted caramel and clove.

PALATE - Full body; medium-plus acidity; and very round and plush tannins. Very elegant and finessed Amarone. Lots of fresh fruit, potpourri and hints of smoke on the finish. Very long.