



## BERTANI SECCO-BERTANI RIPASSO

*Located near Verona in the province of Veneto in northeast Italy, Casa Vinicola Bertani is one of the region's most important and influential wine producers. Bertani produces a full spectrum of the classic wines of the Veneto and has enjoyed a reputation for quality from the start.*

*Bertani was founded in 1857 by brothers Gaetano and Giovan Battista Bertani. Prosperous wine merchants who believed that quality winemaking held the key to the future, the Bertanis invested their funds in buying some of the finest vineyards in the province and making their own wines. Consequently, unlike most other local producers, Bertani owns its own vineyards and so is able to oversee the entire winemaking cycle from start to finish.*

*Secco-Bertani has been in continuous production for over 150 years and is rightly extolled as the "grandfather" of ripasso-technique Veronese wines. With the classic ripasso process, grape must is left to rest for a few days in spring on freshly-drawn lees from Bertani's Recioto Amarone wine. Launched in the late 1850s, Secco-Bertani was in all likelihood the first ripasso Valpolicella to earn a substantial following outside its native Italy.*

### PRODUCTION AREA

Country: Italy  
Region: Veneto  
Appellation: Valpolicella Valpantena DOC

From prime estate vineyards in the heart of Verona's Valpolicella Valpantena wine district.

### GRAPE VARIETIES

Corvina Veronese 70%; Rondinella 25%; Molinara 5%

### PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

The wine undergoes an 11-day maceration in vats at a controlled temperature and with programmed *remontage*. In March it is re-fermented over Recioto Amarone skins, following the traditional Veronese technique called "Ripasso."

### AGING

75% of the wine ages in large Slavonian oak casks, 25% in French oak barriques, for approximately 18 months; it is refined in bottle for a minimum of 90 days.

### DESCRIPTION

Color: Deep garnet red  
Aroma: Delicate, characteristic of mature wine, with scents of spices and nuts  
Taste: Dry, well balanced with a pleasing hint of bitterness in its lingering finish

### BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml