

Amarone DOC 2005

Wine Description

A blend of 80% Corvina, 10% Rondinella and 10% Sangiovese. After the harvest in October, the grapes are carefully selected and the healthiest, ripest fruit is placed in a well-ventilated room to raisin until January. They are then pressed, left on the skins for 25 days and fermented into the delicious wine that is Amarone. Aged in barrels for 18-24 months before bottling, this wine spends between six and twelve months in bottle before it is released on the market, ready to be enjoyed or cellared for many years.

Tasting Notes

Ruby-red in color with deep spice and dried fruit aromas. This is one of the most exciting wines on the market, offering explosive flavors of dried black cherry, cassis, truffles, chocolate fudge and tar. Luscious and complex, with a lingering finish, this wine is recommended with hearty, roasted meats, game and mature cheeses.

Vineyard Characteristics

Production area/name of vineyard:	Valpolicella zone
Size of vineyard (acres):	75
Soil composition:	Cretaceous and morainic
Training method:	Guyot
Elevation (feet):	825-990
Vines/acre:	2,000
Yield/acre (tons):	4
Exposure:	Southeastern
Agronomist/Vineyard manager:	Alberto Zenato

Winemaking & Aging

Varietal composition:	80% Corvina, 10% Rondinella and 10% Sangiovese
Harvest time:	October
Winemaking consultant:	Silvano Tempesta
First vintage of this wine:	1967
Number bottles produced of this wine:	80,000

Fermentation

Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation (days):	25
Maceration technique:	Pumpovers
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes

Aging

Aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	5,000-7,500 L
Age of aging container:	2 years old
Cooperage:	French oak
Length of aging before bottling:	18-24 months
Length of bottle aging:	12 months

Analytical data

Alcohol:	16.6%
pH level:	3.6
Residual sugar (grams/liter):	5.9
Acidity (grams/liter):	6.3
Dry extract (grams/liter):	43.7



Producer Profile

Owned by: The Zenato family

Winemaker: Alberto Zenato

Total acreage under vine: 175

Estate founded: 1960

Winery production total: 2,000,000

Region: Veneto

Country: Italy

