



EVERY BOTTLE



TELLS A STORY

CORTEFORTE VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO CLASSICO SUPERIORE



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Country	Italy
Region	Veneto
Sub-Region	Valpolicella
Producer	Corteforte
Vintage	2016
Composition	65% CORVINA, 20% RONDINELLA, 5% MOLINARA WITH OTHER INDIGENOUS OLD VARIETIES
Certifications	Certified Organic

WINEMAKER NOTES

Corteforte was built the early 1400's in a strategic point in the Fumane valley. It was originally composed of four towers joined together by a high rock wall and was an important point in the defense against attacks from the north. Situated on a gentle slope with excellent sun exposure, the vineyards that surround Corteforte are recognized as the best in the region. The wines provide the aromas of roses, violets and almonds.

TASTING NOTES

Clean scent suggesting forest floor, sour cherry and plums with spicy notes of leather and pepper. Body robust and complex.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Try with raw and cooked meats, however prepared (roasts, stews and braises), game and cheeses, preferably firm and strongly flavored. It is recommended that the wine be served at room temperature in large crystal glasses so as to bring out more fully all aromas and flavors.

VINEYARD

Hilly terrain, clay limestone soil, with southwestern exposure at an altitude of 150 to 300 meters, and a yield of approximately 3,300 liters per hectare.



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VINIFICATION

Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore, like Amarone is made from the Corvina, rondinella and Molinara grape varieties, and from old indigenous grape varieties from the region. The grapes, which are chosen in a double harvest to achieve the best possible ripeness, are immediately destemmed and crushed. Fermentation takes place in small stainless steel vats and is conducted until all of the sugars have been converted to alcohol with frequent pumping over to maximize extraction of color and flavor. In April following the harvest, the wine undergoes a refermentation on the lees of the Amarone where it acquires greater aroma, color and body.
