

# AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA

**Grape varieties** 80% Corvina veronese, Corvinone, 20% Rondinella.

**Location and characteristics of the vineyard** lena di Mezzo is an entirely terraced estate of 18 hectares that lies in the heart of Fumane, a splendid hilly zone with tuffaceous, clay and limestone soils, in which we have sought to express to the full the interdependence between the terroir and the indigenous grape varieties that are the unique heritage of the area around Verona.

**Average altitude** 250/350 metres above sea level.

**Training system and plant density** Only the Pergola training system is used, with a maximum yield of 12,000 kg per hectare. The choice of this training system was made to allow the Corvina Veronese and Corvinone grape varieties to have perfect exposure to the sun.

**Harvest** The grapes are picked around mid-October, after they have just started to dry on the vine. This drying process then continues in crates in a special drying area, under controlled conditions of humidity and at natural winter temperatures for 90-120/130 days, until the concentration of sugars in the grapes has reached at least 28%-30%.

**Vinification** Gentle crushing and destemming of the grapes takes place, depending on the vintage, between the end of January and late February, and fermentation in small, temperature-controlled truncated cone-shaped stainless steel vats is started off by indigenous yeasts that really highlight the specific organoleptic qualities of the grapes from Fumane. The fermentation is a slow one, with long maceration on the skins in order to allow for maximum extraction of the typical complex aromatic and polyphenolic components. After the malolactic fermentation the wine stays almost 24 months in 20/30 hl oak casks. After the bottling follows the aging for at least 8 months.

**Organoleptic description** A dry red wine.

**Colour** Deep ruby red with garnet highlights.

**Nose** Cherries (both fresh and under spirits), plums and liquorice; spices such as pepper and cinnamon; leather, tobacco, cloves, black pepper; hints of undergrowth.

**Flavour** Extremely elegant, well-balanced and velvety, but at the same time robust and complex, dry, full-bodied, generous and austere.

**Vol.** 15,0%

**Serving temperature** 16-18 °C

**Serving suggestions** It is incomparable with braised meats or roast game and with very mature, piquant cheeses. Excellent with raw tuna, sushi and with Thai, Vietnamese and Indian cuisine. Try sipping it, too, on its own, outside the context of a meal.



TENUTA  
LENA DI MEZZO  
FUMANE