

"PORTA ERBE" AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO DOC

GRAPE VARIETY 75% Corvina – 20% Rondinella – 5% Molinara

LOCATION OF VINEYARD Marano di Valpolicella (Valpolicella Classico Area)

VINEYARD Owned vineyard in the hilly area of Marano with an altitude from 150mt to 300mt a.s.l

SOIL Tufaceous soil, clayey marl-rich soil mixed with limestone marl.

GROWING SYSTEM Pergola with 3,000 trees per hectare and 15-16 buds per tree.

AVERAGE AGE OF TREES 22 years

HARVEST Crop by hand with selection of the thinnest grapes to help the drying process

VINIFICATION Amarone is obtained from carefully selected grapes, dried for a period of 3 -4 months in well-aired rooms. This brings an extraordinary concentration of sugar, extracts and glycerine. After that, grapes undergoes a gentle pressing process and a low fermentation of must for 15 days at controlled temperature (15° C.) with skins.

MACERATION Extremely long maceration (more than 40 days) with 2 remounts per week.

MATURATION 80% of the wine is matured in Slavonian oak barrels of 4,000 litres, whilst the remaining 20% is matured in French new oak barrels (barriques). Total maturation in wood lasts for 3 years. Further bottle maturation for 8 months before release.

AGEING It can be matured for a further 10 - 15 years.

CHARACTERISTICS Intense ruby red. Bouquet is vinous, very rich of red berries and plums, chocolate and black pepper. The taste is extremely complex and pleasantly dry, well-bodied, with the right acidity. Full bodied, elegant and vigorous wine, it has got a marked, spicy, ethereal scent with a very remarkable fruit on the palate, which is very well balanced and it shows fine elegance and a long finish.