



Corte Giara, Valpolicella Ripasso 2014

PRODUCER

Corte Giara is the negociant label of Allegrini. The wines are made by Allegrini from fruit brought in from outside their own vineyards. They have a similar stamp of quality that sets them apart from most of the Veronese wines produced at this level.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are situated in the hilly areas of the Valpolicella DOC, at an altitude of 180-250 metres above sea level. The vineyards face south east and are based on chalky and clay soils. The vines are trained according to the traditional pergola training system with a density of 3,000 vines per hectare. They are on average 28 years old and are pruned with 14-15 buds per vine.

VINTAGE

2014 was one of the trickiest vintages seen since 1984. The mild and wet winter, combined with the wet summer, meant that expertise in the vineyard was critical. Wines from the Verona area have nevertheless been good, often more aromatic and lighter in body than previous vintages.

VINIFICATION

This wine was made using a traditional Veronese practice known as "ripasso". The grapes were destalked and crushed before being fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks for nine days with daily pumping over. Second fermentation was on the pomace from amarone in February, giving the wine more body and depth. It spent four months in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks and then matured on yeast lees for 11 months in large Slavonian oak barrels prior to bottling, where it remained for two months before release.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red colour with good concentration. Plump red fruit combines well with sweet spices, giving way to delicately spiced herbs. Full and satisfying, with excellent structure and vibrant acidity that create a harmonious balance for a wine that is both smooth and vivacious on the palate.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2014
Region	Valpolicella, Veneto
Grape Varieties	70% Corvina/Corvinone 30% Rondinella
Winemaker	Franco Allegrini
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	6.5g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl