

ITALIAN WINE | RED WINE | WINE

Ca' la Bionda, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva Ravazzol 2013

RRP £54.99 PER BOTTLE



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TASTED ON

19/07/2023

TASTED BY

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TASTED IN

Sant'Ambrogio di Valpolicella

The much-admired Ca' la Bionda sits on the western side of the Marano Valley. The Riserva comes from Ravazzol cru, 150-300m asl facing ESE on dry stone terraces (marogne). It is only produced in years where ripeness coincides with ample acidity, which the rainy though warm conditions of 2013 delivered. After 8 years in a 20hL oak botte, it has emerged urbane

and subtly exotic, its fruit more citrus-leaning than red berry. The nose starts lightly brackish with a sultry hot tyre smokiness, dried orange and toasted cardamom. A sharper paraffin note kicks off the palate, rounded out by bright and bitter-salty marmalade, with shades of fresh bergamot and blood orange picking up dark, sensuous resins: frankincense and benzoin. Sheer and luminous with glowing acidity and silk crepe tannins that give it definition, it finishes lightly nutty and volatile, but enticing.

DRINKING WINDOW

2023 - 2033

COLOUR

Red

COUNTRY

Italy

WINE STYLE

Still

REGION

Veneto

ALCOHOL

16.00%

SUB-REGION

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

BOTTLE SIZE

75cl

GRAPE VARIETIES

Corvina (70%)

Corvinone (20%)

Rondinella, Mollinara (10%)