

Giuseppe Lonardi

Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso D.O.C

(vahl-pohl-ee-CHAY-lah KLAH-see-ko soo-pay-REE-oo-ray ree-PAH-soh)

Ripasso refers to the re-passing of Valpolicella Classico through the pressed, raisined skins used for Amarone. These skins are aromatic, high in alcohol and flavor, and are very valuable; that is why true Ripasso is a small production wine. Some brands attempt to short-cut the process by adding residual sugar—but not Giuseppe. This offering from Lonardi has lush cranberry notes with chocolate that epitomizes the lovely characteristics of Corvina.



Veneto, Italia. *(Town of Marano)* 7 hectares. 350 meters.



Dense clay.



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Spurred Cordon.Tendone. 4,000 vines per hectare. .5 bottle per plant average yield.



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10 day maceration in temperature controlled stainless steel. Second fermentation on Amarone skins for 10 days.



75% Corvina, 20% Rondinella, 5% Molinara.



2nd passage French barrique.



3.5 grams per liter.



24 months in the barrel. 6 months in the bottle.



5.5 grams per liter.



1,800 cases.



13.5% by volume.



Gorgonzola melted over figs and drizzled with balsamic, pork roast, and lamb shank.



