

CA DEL MONTE

Located in the heart of Valpolicella, Veneto, Ca del Monte's 20 hectares of vineyards are owned by brothers Umberto and Guiseppe Zanconte. In the family for generations, Cal del Monte is situated on hillsides that face south and southwest, overlooking the village of Negrar.

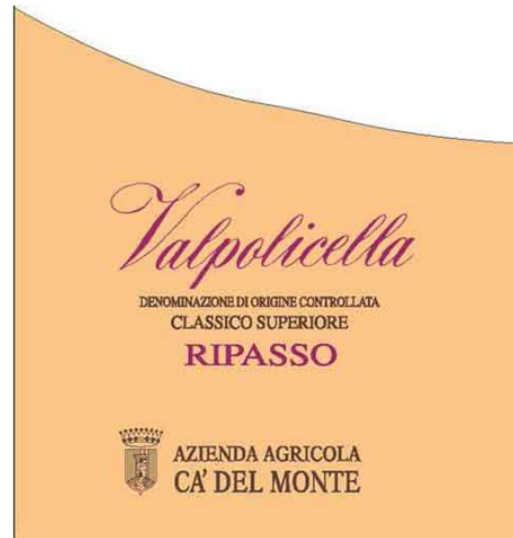


The vineyards here are planted with 20-40 year old vines of Corvina, Rodinella and Molinara grapes that are planted in poor soils that stress the vines and nurture the fruit. The original building of the estate is a 17th century mansion, built on an ancient monastery.

Producing wines here for six generations, the brothers oversee all steps of production for their Amarone and Valpolicella wines.

VALPOLICELLA

CLASSICO SUPERIORE RIPASSO



Varietal/Blend: 45% Corvina / 35% Rondinella / 15% Molinara / 5% Negrara-Pelara

Farming: conventional

Soil: medium Eocene calcareous marl

Exposure: SW

Ave Year Vines Planted: 1985 (oldest vines in 1970)

Yeast: selected

Fermentation: controlled temps in stainless steel / second fermentation started 6 months later on dregs of pressed Amarone grapes

Aging: 18 months in large barrels of French & Slavonian oak

Alcohol: 13%

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Production #s: 40,000 bottles

Country: Italy

Region: Valpolicella

Sub Region: Negrar (Verona)

Vineyard: Estate

Vineyard Size: 50 acres total (20 ha)