



Rafaël Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC

Country: Italy Region: Verona
Type: Red Varietal: Blend - Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara
Format: 12 x 750ml

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| +406660 | +848014 | | +17753 |
| Speculative | | | MBLL |

TASTING NOTES

- Colour:** Intense ruby red.
- Aroma:** The nose is characterized by dried spice aromas, with accents of leather and cherry.
- Taste:** An intense palate, spicy with sweet cherry flavours. Well balanced and pleasantly tannic.
- Food:** Pair this wine with first courses with meat sauces, white and red meats, and cheeses.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2022 ~ 91 Points. "A restrained wine with black pepper, spice, red cherry and herb aromas. Light- to medium-bodied, it shows a leafy touch to the flavors, with firm, chalky tannins and a juicy aftertaste." - James Suckling, Feb/2025

2020 ~ 95 Points. "This fourth-generation family estate founded in 1902 now owns 105ha in the Valpolicella Classico zone. The grapes for Rafael & Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara & are grown in the 6ha, pergola-trained single vineyard on Monte Masua hill which was the first to be bought by the company. Maturation is in 65hl Slavonian oak casks for a total of 15 months. Michael Garner: Fragrant, peppery nose of hedgerow fruits and aromatic herbs. Balanced palate with a clean, dry, lightly peppery finish. Michelle Cherutti-Kowal MW: Fresh red berries with herbal notes, zesty acidity and good fruit concentration. Nice typicity and finish. Michaela Morris: Vanilla with sweet wood spice, clove and cinnamon. Palate shows some firmness, but nicely framing the concentrated, polished fruit." - Decanter, Feb/2022

2020 ~ 92 Points. "Hint of coffee candy to the baked cherries, dried strawberries and chili chocolate. Quite juicy and round, with a positive sweet-sour character to the berry and plummy fruit. Medium to full body with firm but fine tannins and a medium-long finish. Very drinkable but will hold, too." - James Suckling, Aug/2022

2020 ~ 91+ Points. "The 2020 Valpolicella Superiore Classico Rafael is perfumed with a gorgeous mix of crushed cherries, sweet herbs and cloves. This coasts along the palate with a cooling combination of mineral-tinged red fruits and sweet spice, all accelerated by juicy acidity. The 2020 finishes with unexpected concentration and length, yet energetic, as a mix of sour berries and licorice slowly fades." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Mar/2023

2020 ~ "A 60-25-15 blend of indigenous grapes Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara, grapes for this red are trained using the Veronese pergola system before spending 15 months aging in large Slavonian oak casks. It's ruby-brick in colour, and aromatically offers lacquer, plum, raspberry, spice and subtle peppery aromas. It's full-bodied and dry, with ripe red berry, plum and cherry flavours that come with black tea, earth and white pepper flavours along with medium-grippy tannins and a modest, 12.5 per cent alcohol finish. Drink now with rustic pasta dishes, roasted meats or antipasto, or hold for 2-3 years. Very well done." - Winnipeg Free Press, Nov/2023

2019 ~ 93 Points. "Pleasant nose of thick raspberry and cherry jam with savory notes of black olives and light herbs. Relaxed feel to the medium-bodied but layered palate with very fine tannins that are coated with creamy fruit. Surprisingly good length, pushed along by the more savory elements. Delicious. Drink or hold." - James Suckling, Jul/2021

2019 ~ 91 Points. "More savory than sweet and with wild herbs, tomato leaf, crushed ashen stone and hints of lavender fill the glass as the 2019 Rafael Valpolicella Classico Superiore blossoms. This is silky yet juicy and remarkably fresh with mineral-tinged cherries and a bitter tinge of spice. It finishes long and spicy with depths of minerality and a coating of dark fruits and exotic spices. Salty, intense and at 12%, the 2019 Rafael is a gorgeous and characterful Valpolicella Classico." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Jan/2022

OTHER INFO

The TOMMASI family vineyard RAFAËL is perfectly situated on the most prestigious hill of the region and produces what may be the best grapes for the production of "Valpolicella Classico Superiore". The combination of careful attention to the cultivation of this ancient vineyard, rigorous selection of grapes and their meticulous vinification, contribute to the creation of this extraordinary wine in understandably limited quantities.



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