

Allegrini,
Valpolicella 2023
Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy

Allegrini



PRODUCER

The Allegrini family estate covers 120 hectares of vineyard in the heart of Valpolicella Classico. Although they have been growing grapes here for centuries, Giovanni Allegrini was the first to bottle the wines. After his death in 1983, Giovanni's passion for and commitment to quality wine was passed onto his children – Walter, Marilisa, and Franco. They worked together to build on his legacy until Walter's death in 2003. Franco looked after the vineyards and the winemaking, while Marilisa has always overseen sales and marketing. Franco sadly passed away in 2022 but was a pioneer in Valpolicella's quest for quality. From the 2007 vintage, he sacrificed the Classico status of the Valpolicella and bottled the wine under Stelvin to eliminate cork taint and random oxidation problems as much as possible, forging a path that many others have followed since.

VINEYARDS

The south-east facing vineyards are located in the heart of the Valpolicella Classico region, on quality hillside sites at 180-280 metres above sea level. The volcanic soil has a high content of clay and calcareous. The vineyards are trained using the single Guyot system with 5,000 plants per hectare. The vines are 34 years old on average.

VINTAGE

The 2023 season is considered one of the hottest and most challenging vintages in Italy, due to long periods of drought and severe hailstorms resulting in poor yields. However, the altitude of the vineyards allowed for an excellent diurnal range, characterised by warm days and cool nights, which helped in preserving the excellent acidity and freshness of the grapes.

VINIFICATION

The hand-harvested grapes were destemmed before going through a soft-pressing. Fermentation occurred at 25-31°C in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks and lasted nine days. The wine was then held in stainless-steel tanks until bottling in mid-February, spending a further two months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is ruby red in colour. On the nose it shows aromas of mature red and black fruits, such as cherries and plums, with prominent notes of black pepper and aromatic herbs. A powerful, succulent Valpolicella accompanied by crisp acidity and a long, satisfying finish.

Grape Varieties	70% Corvina 30% Rondinella
Winemaker	Franco Allegrini
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	3.7g/L
Acidity	5.4g/L
Wine pH	3.35
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan