# `Palazzo della Torre` 2022

## Veneto, Italy





Grape Varieties	70% Corvina 25% Corvinone
	5% Rondinella
Winemaker	Paolo Mascanzoni
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	3.3g/L
Acidity	5.65g/L
Wine pH	3.47
Bottle Sizes	75cl,150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

#### **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. He was an inspiring figure who led the way in Valpolicella's quest for quality, forging a path many others have followed. In 2023, Franco's sons Francesco, Giovanni and Matteo, alongside their cousin Silvia Allegrini (Walter's daughter), became custodians of their family's historic estate.

## **VINEYARDS**

Palazzo della Torre covers 26 hectares of east-facing vineyards planted between 1962 and 1989, at 450m-520m above sea level. These terraced vines are trained using the Guyot system and planted at a density of 3,000 vines per hectare. Valpolicella's terraced vineyards are created using traditional dry-stone walling called 'marogne', a highly characteristic example of rural architecture. The subsoil is primarily composed of marly limestone that encourages the concentration of sugars in the grapes while maintaining a good level of acidity.

# **VINTAGE**

The 2022 vintage was challenging, with drought conditions in February and March accelerating the growing cycle by approximately twenty days. This absence of rainfall created severe vine distress, and emergency irrigation was needed. In the first half of August, much-needed rainfall brought relief to the vines. This, combined with increased diurnal temperature variation in late August, accelerated veraison and facilitated successful arape ripening.

## **VINIFICATION**

Allegrini uses the modern version of the traditional 'ripasso' technique for Palazzo della Torre. This involves drying a portion of the grapes in their 'Terre di Fumane' drying centre to intensify the character of the vineyard. The remaining grapes were destemmed and pressed immediately after harvest, with the dried grapes undergoing the same process later in the year. Fermentation took place in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks. The wine was aged in second-use oak barriques before being blended for two months. It was bottle-aged for seven months before release.

### **TASTING NOTES**

This is a distinctive and expressive wine, defined by fragrant notes of red berries, aromatic herbs, spices and vanilla. The palate is textural and vibrant, with polished tannins that complement a lengthy finish.