

WINE SPECTATOR: POLE POSITION FOR MASI'S AMARONES

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Veneto / Amarone della
Valpolicella Classico

94 Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Mazzano 2004 \$170 A silky texture sheathes the subtly muscled frame in this well-dressed red, which shows integrated tannins and flavors of dried cherry, currant and grilled nut, with a full range of ground spices—clove, cumin, white pepper, anise and others. Very stylish, with a long, juicy finish. Drink now through 2029. 150 cases imported.—A.N.

93 Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Costasera Riserva 2006 \$85 An aromatic floral thread accents this finely meshed red, which layers light tannins and tangy acidity with flavors of black currant, juicy cherry, cocoa powder, chai tea, fig and smoke. A fine balance of both finesse and grip. Drink now through 2030. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

93 Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Serègo Allighieri Valo Armaron 2005 \$75 Hints of tar and leather mix with prune, black currant and dried cherry fruit flavors, along with notes of ground spices and tea leaf. This has a grippy edge, but the wine is well-integrated nonetheless. A latent push of berry and currant lingers on the long, spiced finish. Drink now through 2030. 400 cases imported.—A.N.



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93 Tedeschi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2007 \$56 There's a sanguine edge to this firm red, with a streak of minerality underscoring flavors of sour and red cherry, cigar box and red currant, with just a touch of sun-dried tomato. There's a dense weave, yet this is still light-weight and silky on the palate. Best from 2013 through 2027. 725 cases imported.—A.N.

93 Tedeschi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Capitel Monte Olmi 2006 \$102 A thread of peat smoke runs through this more traditional-style Amarone, which offers flavors of roasted plum, dried cherry, raisin, cigar box, pekoe tea and pepper, with other ground spices. Tightly packed tannins push through on the long finish. This is one for the cellar. Best from 2014 through 2036. 75 cases imported.—A.N.

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93 Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2007 \$70 Light tannins add subtle grip to this supple Amarone, framing flavors of sticky, sun-dried date, black cherry and crushed black raspberry, with aromatic hints of sweet smoke and loose tea leaf and lots of ground spice. The finish is long and refined. Drink now through 2030. 1,250 cases imported.—A.N.

92 Michele Castellani Amarone della Valpolicella Classico I Castel Campo Casalin 2007 \$99 A lush red, showing brambly berry and syrupy sun-dried black cherry flavors, with lots of warm spices—cumin, clove and nutmeg—and a touch of mesquite smoke. Shows fine integration, with supple tannins and a velvety texture throughout. A latent push of ripe fruit lingers on the finish. Drink now through 2027. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 500 cases made.—A.N.

92 Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Costasera 2007 \$60 A juicy Amarone that partners a silky texture with supple tannins, delivering dark flavors of brambly berry fruit and ripe black cherry, layered with smoke, vanilla, anise and clove. There's seamless integration, with a long finish that echoes the pure fruit flavor. Drink now through 2030. 6,000 cases imported.—A.N.

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Veneto / Veronese

91 Allegrini Veronese La Grola 2007 \$28 A subtle red, tightly knit right now, with fine-grained tannins and crushed black currant, cassis, smoky stone and spice box flavors. The fresh finish is lightly chewy. Corvina Veronese, Rondinella, Syrah and Sangiovese. Best from 2013 through 2020. 17,600 cases made.—A.N.

91 Zenato Corvina Veronese Cresasso 2006 \$75 Dark and brooding flavors of blackberry and black currant fruit mix with hints of dusty cocoa powder and mineral, with an array of aromatic ground spices. Firm tannins wrap this tightly right now, but it shows the balance of a wine that should open up nicely. Best from 2014 through 2024. 1,850 cases made.—A.N.

90 Allegrini Veronese Palazzo della Torre 2008 \$20 This sleek, polished red offers juicy blackberry and black fruit flavors, backed by refined tannins and well-integrated acidity. Hard to stop sipping. Corvina Veronese, Rondinella and Sangiovese. Drink now through 2020. 26,000 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Michele Castellani Corvina Veronese Seral 2006 \$16 A traditional red, with notes of leather and sanguine minerality under the hints of dried cherry, date, dried herb, loamy earth and smoke. This is guided by light tannins and fresh acidity, with a push of black fruit coming through on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 3,500 cases made.—A.N.

90 Tommasi Veronese Arele Appassimento 2008 \$19 A juicy, spicy red, with flavors of crushed black raspberry, black cherry, plum compote, dried herbs and mulling spices riding a creamy palate. Very accessible, with a long, refined finish. Corvina and Oseleta. Drink now through 2025. 3,750 cases made.—A.N.

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Veneto / Other Red

92 Musella Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso 2007 \$25 A creamy red, structured by grippy tannins that wrap around flavors of cherry preserves, date, spice and stony mineral. Finely knit and tightly wound, with a long finish. Give this balanced wine some time. Best from 2014 through 2020. 500 cases imported.—A.N.

92 Tedeschi Valpolicella Classico Superiore La Fabriseria 2007 \$50 An aromatic red with a meaty edge, showing accents of violet and dried marjoram weaving through the layered flavors of crème de cassis, grilled nuts, pure black cherry and spice box, all wrapped around firm tannins. Just a baby, but already showing fine integration and balance. Drink now through 2025. 75 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Tommaso Bussola Valpolicella Superiore Ca' del Laito Ripasso 2006 \$25 A well-balanced, juicy red, with cinnamon and clove accenting the cherry compote, black currant and nut notes. Lightly chewy, with a push of juicy fruit flavors that linger on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,200 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Inama Cabernet Sauvignon Veneto Selezione 2004 \$65 A creamy Cabernet, with a floral thread winding through flavors of dried strawberry, crème de cassis, pekoe tea, spice box and candied blackberry. There's a syrupy juiciness to the acidity, yet this is fresh and balanced at the same time, with lightly chewy tannins surfacing on the finish. Drink now through 2018. 250 cases made.—A.N.

89 Tedeschi Valpolicella Superiore Capitel San Rocco Ripasso 2009 \$25 This bright, tangy red shows subtle hints of crushed raspberry, cherry, spice and dried herb flavors, with a streak of smoky mineral. Chewy, with a moderate finish. Best from 2013 through 2019. 1,500 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Inama Carmenère Veneto Più 2008 \$20 A fleshy red, with tobacco and smoke notes bolstering flavors of cassis and black cherry. Very clean, focused and well-integrated, with a moderate, lightly tannic finish. Drink now through 2016. 6,000 cases made.—A.N.