

2005 Ca' la Bionda Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva Vigneti di Ravazzol

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A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Italy, Marano di Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com #209 Oct 2013	Monica Lerner	92	Drink: 2014 - 2020	\$86 (95)
<p>Skipping back a few years to a warm vintage, the 2005 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva Vigneti di Ravazzol puts its elegant tertiary aromas on full display with dried fruit, chestnut honey, polished river stone, tar and licorice. There is a good amount of fruit at the back with highlights of prune, cassis and dried blackberry. You can feel a flash of heat (the wine sports 16% alcohol) on the close with integrated tannins and mild grittiness on the texture. This Riserva expression ages six years in 3,000-liter botte grande. You can wait, but not too long to drink it. Drink 2014-2020.</p> <p>Ca' La Bionda was founded in 1902 and includes 29 hectares of vineyard planted between 150 and 300 meters above sea level. They also own seven hectares of the Ravazzol cru with volcanic soils and 70-year-old vines. It is considered among the best in the area. One of the things that fascinates me most about this estate is the hard work completed to restore the ancient stone walls (marogne in local dialect) that are especially prevalent in the Marano di Valpolicella area. From a distant perspective, the marogne form beautifully linear illusions and textured patterns that crisscross the faces of the hills. Sometimes they are built with small boulders and other times, with flat tiles. No mortar is ever used and the walls are miraculously hearty and long lasting. They do require meticulous upkeep and Pietro Castellani of Ca' La Bionda has implemented a strict dry wall protection protocol since 1990. Starting in 2014, the vineyard will be certified organic.</p> <p>Importer: Ideal Wine & Spirits, www.idealwine.us</p> <p>Importer(s):</p> <p>Ideal Wine & Spirits Co., 3890 Mystic Valley Pkwy, #2, Medford, MA 02155, (781) 395-3300 , http://www.idealwine.us</p>				