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Ca' la Bionda, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Ravazzol 2018

RRP £64.80 PER BOTTLE



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TASTED ON

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TASTED BY

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TASTED IN

Verona

The 2018 vintage of Ravazzól is showing its characteristic contrast with Ca' La Bionda's Classico, which is a more elegant style. Dark with tar and gunflint on the nose, almost ferrous, it has a hydrocarbon sharpness over dark, dried fig and amarena cherry fruit edged with some bitter herb jam. It is attractive for all that, with a coffee tone to the fruit that

comes from appassimento rather than small oak vessels. The palate is very thick, dark and extracted, with an impenetrable blackness at its core; leathery, expansive tannins; and rounded, generous curves. However, the acidity, while not domineering, is present, driving things forward, and the alcohol and what sugar is left are well integrated. Despite the immensity, there is obvious appeal here, with plentiful prune compote fruit to finish, offset with a fermented black-bean savouriness.

DRINKING WINDOW

2028 - 2038

COLOUR

Red

COUNTRY

Italy

WINE STYLE

Still

REGION

Veneto

ALCOHOL

16.5%

SUB-REGION

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico

BOTTLE SIZE

75cl

GRAPE VARIETIES

Corvina (70%)

Corvinone (20%)

Rondinella (5%)

Molinara