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Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG Classico Riserva ‘Ravazzòl’ 2013 by Ca’ La Bionda

The Ca’ La Bionda winery is located in Marano di Valpolicella, the heart of the Valpolicella Classica, and was founded in 1997 when Pietro Castellani renovated a family property first acquired in 1902. Organic farming drives the vineyard work across the company’s hilly 29 hectares and is a philosophy that Pietro’s son Alessandro attempts to translate into the glass. He believes in the idea of a slow, natural drying period, without forcing anything. As such, the wines often mirror the conditions of the vintage, and have sometimes attracted the reputation of being an Unamarone Amarone. Ravazzòl is produced from a single vineyard that sits at between 200 and 300 metres elevation with 70 year-old vines that have dug themselves deep into the stony soils. The 2013 is a rich, intense, almost brooding wine that begs for hearty stews or (and) pungent mature cheeses. Perhaps one for when the kids have gone to bed.