

## CA' LA BIONDA, AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO 2020

Intriguingly, Ca' La Bionda's 2020 Classico is reading as slightly more taciturn than the normally more reticent Ravazzòl; it comes from clay-limestone plots around Marano Valley that are part of the family's extensive holdings here. The nose has a savoury restraint, tamping down dark berry fruit with notes of scorched rosemary, cacao and earth. The entry is opaque, padded out and broad but with plenty of acidity that wells up from beneath, screeching to the fore on the midpalate. The fruit remains blackberry dark, revealing vibrant acidity once the glycerol fat of the front is shed. It is wrapped in sweeter brown spice notes of cinnamon and allspice that remain to the finish, artefacts of appassimento rather than new oak. Tannins are velvety soft and yielding, but the shape ultimately has a disciplined, satisfying close.

### DRINKING WINDOW

2026 - 2040

### SCORE

93

### TASTED ON

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