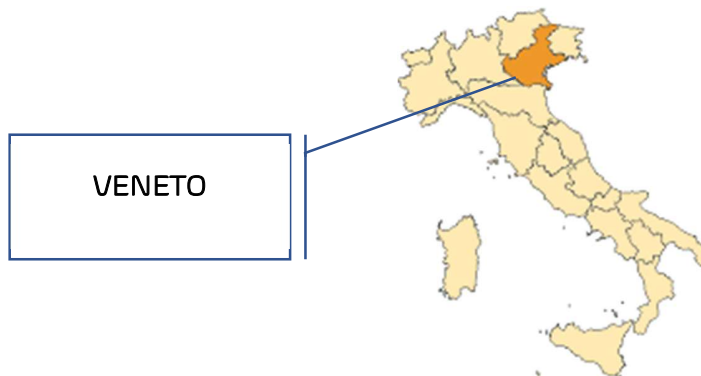




**CARRA**

Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso



<b>ESTATE:</b>	CARRA
<b>WINE:</b>	Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso
<b>GRAPES:</b>	60-70% Corvina , 20-30% Rondinella , 5-10% Molinara
<b>REGION:</b>	Veneto
<b>CITY:</b>	Negrar
<b>SOIL:</b>	Clay, limestone with a layer of stones under the first 3 feet
<b>TASTING NOTES:</b>	
	<b>COLOR:</b> Deep ruby-red with violet highlights
	<b>NOSE:</b> Elegant and complex, it shows ripe berry and flowers
	<b>TASTE:</b> Full-bodied and soft, with lovely velvety tannins and a long finish

**COMMENTS:**

**SUPERIORE:** for a Valpolicella means minimum 12,5% alcoholic content and 14 months of aging.

**RIPASSO:** is a very old and traditional process used to give to the Valpolicella wine richness and body. After the Valpolicella is fermented in the usual way, it is placed in barrels containing the skins of the AMARONE, a concentrated wine made using semi-dried grapes. This process, at Carra lasts from 2 to 3 weeks, adds color, tannins, and complex flavors.

The Meaning of the word RIPASSO in fact means RE-PASS or PASSED TWICE, just because the wine passes over the skins and the lees of the bigger and more complex brother called AMARONE. The legend says that this technique has been developed in the middle age by the poor farmers that could not afford to buy the big and expensive Amarone Wine, therefore they were stealing the skins of the Amarone from the land owners to mix them with their little and lousy wines and obtain something close to what the aristocracy was drinking !!!

A perfect complement to highly seasoned first courses as well as roasted meat or steak.

Best served at 60°-64° F.