

# 2012 VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE LE ALENE

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## CANTINA SAN CASSIANO, VENETO, ITALY



### THE WINE:

The 2012 San Cassiano Valpolicella Superiore is a single-vineyard wine from the Alene Vineyard in the Mezzane Hills outside of Verona. The blend is 70% Corvina, 25% Rondinella, and 5% Molinara. The grapes are harvested at full ripeness and left to dry on traditional drying mats (typically used for Amarone) for 40 days. During this period the grapes lose water to evaporation while sugars and flavors are concentrated. The wine is aged for 24 months in French oak barrels and then another 12 months in the bottle prior to being released. The total production in 2012 was just under 6,000 bottles.

### THE ESTATE:

A ten acre vineyard and winery in the Mezzane hills of Valpolicella. Owned and farmed by winemaker Mirko Sella. Mirko combines today's technologies with timeless traditional wine-making methods. He is dedicated to the pursuit of absolute perfection in his wines. He also produces a world class extra virgin olive oil from 100 year old olive trees on the estate.

### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** dark ruby-crimson

**Aromas:** crushed raspberry, rose hip tea, dried violets and hints of thyme

**Flavor & Texture:** full bodied palate brimming with deep berry and mulled black cherry boosted by woody spice and fresh, lively acidity

**Food Pairing:** homemade risotto, made with the wine, and served with herb-crusted prime rib and wild mushrooms

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