

# 2008 CORTE FIGARETTO, AMARONE

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VALPANTENA DOC  
VENETO, ITALY



## THE WINE:

55% Corvina, 35% Rondinella, 10% Molinara. All estate grown fruit from the Valpantena district of Veneto. Harvested by hand in wooden baskets and crates during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October. Grapes are then dried for 120 days and lose almost 60% of their weight due to water evaporation. Aged 24 months in new French oak barrels.

## THE ESTATE:

Corte Figaretto is a small, family run farm in the heart of Valpantena DOC, 10km north of Verona. It is a sustainably grown operation, free from pesticides and other chemicals. Mauro Bustaggi is the winemaker, his wife Patrizia is the cellar master, and Mauro's brother is the vineyard manager.

## ~Tasting Notes~

**Color:** Dark garnet red with ruby flashes.

**Aromas:** Deep, complex bouquet reminiscent of ripe red raspberries and new leather. Notes of sweet plum-spice cake and hints of chocolate covered raisins complement the red berry and pomegranate.

**Flavors:** Sweet dried cherries and boysenberry fruit envelope the palate with a dense, chewy texture. Complex plums mix with savory spice and tobacco. The finish is 20 seconds long with fruit and exotic spice, and is complemented by ample oak and round, dry tannins.

**Food Pairing:** Grilled filet mignon topped with melted gorgonzola.

~Drink now through 2020~