

## 2008 CORTE FIGARETTO, RIPASSO

VALPENTENA DOC, VENETO, ITALY



**THE WINE:** Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara

All estate grown fruit from the Valpentina district of Veneto. Harvested by hand in wooden baskets and crates during the 3rd week of October. RIPASSO refers to the process in which the Valpolicella wine undergoes a second fermentation with the skins and sediment of the famous Amarone grapes. The result is a “baby Amarone” - a rich and robust wine with more alcohol, complexity and flavors than your average Valpolicella, but without the complete intensity of an Amarone.

**THE ESTATE:** Corte Figaretto is a small, family run farm in the heart of Valpentina DOC, 10 km 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.

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**Color:** Deep purple with a ruby hue.

**Aroma:** Black raspberries and dusty spice with “woody” undertones.

**Flavors:** Very ripe black fruits, exotic spices, tobacco and herbal notes. Rich and dense mouthfeel. Finishes with lingering dried currants and spice.

**Food Pairing:** Meaty pasta dishes or rich lasagna. Yum!

Drink now, or age another 5 years