



extract, tobacco and licorice alongside firm, velvety tannins. Drink 2017–2025. Banfi Vintners. —K.O.
abv: 16.5% Price: \$65

90 **Bolla 2009 Le Origini Riserva (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico)**. Ripe black-skinned fruit, chocolate and cake spice aromas pave the way for this powerfully built wine. The brassy palate doles out raisin, blackberry jam, licorice and pipe tobacco alongside firmly knit, ripe tannins. Drink 2019–2024. Banfi Vintners. —K.O.
abv: 16.5% Price: \$65

90 **Cecilia Beretta 2010 Terre di Carlano Riserva (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico)**. Blue flower, plum cake, coconut and exotic spice aromas come together in the glass. The opulent, firmly structured palate delivers blackberry extract, chocolate covered cherry, vanilla and star anise alongside grippy tannins. Pasqua USA LLC. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% Price: \$69

90 **David Sterza 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico**. Pressed violet, baked plum, baking spice and coconut emerge on the nose and carry over to the full-bodied palate along with ripe black cherry and licorice. Tightly packed but refined tannins provide firm support. The Italian Wine Trader. —K.O.
abv: 16% Price: \$45

90 **Montesor 2009 Alfio Moricone Selection Capitell della Crosara (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico)**. This offers aromas of candied cherry, cake spice, charred earth, cured meat and a whiff of underbrush. On the rich palate, notes of vanilla and black pepper accent chocolate covered cherry, raspberry and raisin accompanied by velvety tannins. Total Wine & More. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% Price: \$52

90 **Tenute Salvaterra 2008 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico**. For full review see page 169.
abv: 15% Price: \$50

90 **Valentina Cubi 2009 Morar (Amarone della Valpolicella Classico)**. Plum cake, leather, cocoa, eucalyptus, and exotic spice slowly take shape. The firm palate offers dried black currant, raisin, leather, licorice, mocha and sage alongside tightly knit, close-grained tannins. Votto Vines Importing. —K.O.
abv: 16% Price: \$69

89 **Rolla 2010 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico**. Underbrush, prune and a whiff of leather lead the nose. The palate offers raisin, dried black cherry, black pepper and a hint of glazed plum alongside big, round tannins. Banfi Vintners. —K.O.
abv: 16.5% Price: \$46

89 **Rubinelli Vajol 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico**. Aromas of toast, roasted coffee bean, ripe black skinned fruit and exotic spice

lead the way on this forward, concentrated wine. The warm, dense palate offers blackberry jam, dried black cherry, roasted walnut and licorice while big, chewy tannins offers support. Ambrosia Wine Group. —K.O.
abv: 16% Price: \$70

88 **Santi 2010 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico**. Aromas of ripe black plum, underbrush and exotic spice come together on this brassy red. The firm palate offers black cherry extract, blackberry jam, licorice and mocha alongside chewy tannins. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 16.5% Price: \$50

87 **Ambasciata del Buon Vino 2010 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico**. This opens with aromas of scorched earth, cured meat, underbrush and ripe blackberry. The evolved palate offers coffee, mocha, vanilla, raisin and blackberry extract alongside close-grained tannins. Enjoy sooner rather than later. Alma Wines. —K.O.
abv: 15% Price: \$70

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93 **Acinum 2012 Amarone della Valpolicella**. For full review see page 152.
abv: 15% Price: \$55

93 **Montesor 2012 Cantina Privata del Fondatore (Amarone della Valpolicella)**. Tilled earth, fragrant blue flower, plum and dark baking spice aromas almost jump out of the glass. On the full-bodied palate, notes of mint, black pepper and nutmeg accent the core of raspberry jam and black cherry. Firm but refined tannins lend a velvety mouth feel. Total Wine & More. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% Price: \$50

93 **Pasqua 2011 Famiglia Pasqua (Amarone della Valpolicella)**. Aromas of baked plum, exotic spice and vanilla almost jump out of the glass. The aromas follow through to the full-bodied, savory palate along with ripe black cherry, blackberry and mocha while velvety tannins give it a smooth, polished texture. It closes on a confectionary note. Pasqua USA LLC. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% Price: \$45

93 **Tedeschi 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella**. Sleek by Amarone standards, this opens with aromas of ripe black cherry, ground pepper, raisin and a whiff of blue flower. On the palate, finely woven tannins support raspberry jam, black pepper, cocoa and a cinnamon note. Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —K.O.
abv: 16% Price: \$65

92 **I Saltari 2008 Amarone della Valpolicella**. Dried black cherry, pressed violet, tilled soil nutmeg and chopped herb aromas lead the nose on this big, bold red. The round, enveloping palate

doles out dried plum, raspberry compote, licorice and black pepper alongside velvety tannins that lend it a polished feel. Banfi Vintners. —K.O.
abv: 15.5% Price: \$67

92 **Sartori 2011 Estate Collection (Amarone della Valpolicella)**. For full review see page 156.
abv: 15% Price: \$42

92 **Tenute Fiorebelli 2010 Coste Bianche (Amarone della Valpolicella)**. For full review see page 158.
abv: 15% Price: \$54

91 **Fattori 2012 Col de la Bastia (Amarone della Valpolicella)**. Dried violet, plum cake and exotic spice aromas lead the way on this brassy, structured wine. The firm palate delivers dried black cherry, blackberry extract, licorice and tobacco alongside round, chewy tannins. T. Edward Wines Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 16% Price: \$90

91 **Monte Zovo 2012 Amarone della Valpolicella**. Bold and brassy, this opens with aromas of pressed violet, dried plum and a whiff of cake spice. The full-bodied palate doles out brandied black cherry, licorice, black pepper and nutmeg alongside tightly knit, fine-grained tannins. USA Wine West. —K.O.
abv: 15% Price: \$40

90 **Ca' Rugate 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella**. Aromas of brandied cherry, crushed violet black pepper and a whiff of exotic spice lead the way. The round palate doles out dried plum, raisin, nutmeg, vanilla and a confectionary note alongside velvety tannins. Drink 2016–2021. Massanois Imports. —K.O.
abv: 15% Price: \$60

90 **Cantina di Monteforte 2011 Terre di Monteforte (Amarone della Valpolicella)**. This opens with aromas of raisin, scorched earth and a whiff of leather. The brassy, straightforward palate doles out dried black cherry, prune, raspberry, black pepper and a hint of tobacco. Firm, ripe tannins provide support. DGD Italia srl. —K.O.
abv: 14.5% Price: \$46

90 **Corte Giona 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella**. For full review see page 165.
abv: 15% Price: \$37

90 **Corte Moschina 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella**. Plum cake, resin, leather, raisin and exotic spice aromas come together in the glass. On the dense palate, licorice, chopped sage and tobacco notes accent prune and blackberry while firm, fine-grained tannins offers support. Vi. Sco., Inc. —K.O.
abv: 15% Price: \$40

90 **San Cassiano 2011 Amarone della Valpolicella**. Aromas of crushed blue flower, perfumed berry, exotic spice and a whiff of charcuterie

