



Passion is a powerful feeling, a compelling emotion; these wines express our devotion to the work that honors the traditions of our land.



VENETO

Produced in the appassimento style, **Gran Passione Rosso** is a rich, deeply-colored, and delicately overripe blend of Merlot (60%) and Corvina grown in select vineyards in the Veneto region around Venice. **Appassimento** means 'to dry and shrivel', referring to the over-ripened and partially-dried (à la Amarone) state of the grapes prior to crush/fermentation. Dating back to the Roman era, this technique of partially desiccating grapes before crush has been painstakingly perfected over centuries into this unique, warm-hearted expression of Northern Italy.

This portfolio now includes a splendid and immanently usable Bianco and a fantastic Prosecco.



Gran Passione **PROSECCO** DOC

Wonderfully crisp with delicate effervescence. *Light pale yellow; delicate and complex bouquet with fruity notes reminiscent of peach and green apple with secondary notes of acacia and lilac; fresh and light on the palate with balanced acidity; harmonious and delicious with a pleasantly persistent finish.*

2017 Gran Passione **BIANCO** IGT

This is a full bodied white wine blend from the Veneto region in Northeast Italy near Venice. *It has a yellow straw color with the bouquet of typical flower aromas with light vanilla notes. It has a fruit forward and creamy palate with long, smooth finish.*

2016 Gran Passione **ROSSO** IGT

This extraordinary red Italian wine buy is created by *appassimento*, the same process used to produce Veneto's celebrated **Amarone**:

Merlot and Corvina grapes are harvested in early October to ensure an advanced phenolic profile and good potential alcohol, natural results of over-ripeness; bunch stems are cut 10 days before harvest, partially desiccating the grapes to further concentrate flavors and elevating sugars that will fuel the fermentation; skins are left in the fermenting must to further extract flavors and pigment, resulting in the wine's characteristically deep jewel-like color. The long hangtime and desiccation contribute notes of plums, raisins, and prunes, while oak aging encourages depth and gives rise to pleasing notes of spice and vanilla.

Intense red-purple tending to amber with ageing, Gran Passione is full-bodied with good structure and a fine balance between soft tannins and acidity; generous on the palate, ripe red and black fruits and considerable length. This is fantastic accompaniment to roasted or grilled meats; ideal with game, but excellent with mature hard cheeses, and a pleasing wine for friendly conversation into the night.



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