



"Passion is a powerful feeling, a compelling emotion. Gran Passione expresses our devotion to the work that honors the traditions of our land."



GRAN PASSIONE

VENETO IGT

Gran Passione is a rich, deeply-colored blend of Merlot (60%) and Corvina grown in select vineyards in Italy's Veneto region, the area around Venice.

The grapes are harvested in the beginning of October at a maturation that ensures profound ripeness, an advanced phenolic profile, and good potential alcohol. The late maturation contributes characteristic notes of ripe fruits like plums and raisins. Grape bunch stems are cut 10 days before harvest, partially desiccating the grapes over the period immediately prior to crush, further concentrating flavors while simultaneously encouraging an elevation and concentration of sugars that will fuel the fermentation – this process, known as *appasimento*, is the same method used to produce Amarone. After a selective hand harvest, grapes are carefully pressed and the fermentation starts at temperatures of about 78° F. Skins are left in the fermenting must for a considerable period to extract flavors and develop the wine's characteristic deep jewel-like color. Subsequent oak aging develops depth and gives rise to pleasing notes of spice and vanilla.

ROSSO IGT

intense red-purple color, tending towards amber with ageing; the wine is full-bodied with good structure; there's an admirably fine balance between soft tannins and acidity; generous palate of ripe red and black fruits, considerable length; fantastic accompaniment to roasted or grilled meats; ideal with game, but excellent with mature hard cheeses

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