

# Tenuta Sant'Antonio – Famiglia Castagnedi's La Bandina

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Browsing the websites of Italian wineries and producers known for their exceptional culinary experiences is a daily ritual for the wine enthusiasts often referred to as “wine tourists”. However, amidst many websites lacking a distinct identity, exploring Tenuta Sant'Antonio's online presence while savoring their Valpolicella Superior unveils a profound message.

The journey commences with the evocative phrase, “Four brothers and a dream”, inviting visitors to delve into their website, where one immerses themselves in a genuine style, a tangible sense of family identity.

This Valpolicella Superiore DOC, “La Bandina”, represents

Tenuta Sant'Antonio's Single Vineyard Valpolicella. It serves as a reflection of the company's philosophy, which is characterized by a commitment to a select set of actions that exemplify the value of "well-executed work". It stands as a symbol of the region's identity according to the Castagnedi Family. Starting with this exceptional product, the company embarked on a journey of innovation and a complete reimaging of their red wine production within the Valpolicella and Amarone denominations, all with a singular and profound goal: to convey the essence of the limestone-rich terroir of their vineyards. Their aim is to offer critics and consumers the qualities of verticality, elegance, and finesse that the white territories within the Valpolicella Orientale denomination can provide. This product is made from fresh grapes, not the usual withered ones found in the denomination, enabling the preservation of the fruit and the calcareous essence harvested from the vineyard without compromising its finesse and sophistication.

This Valpolicella blend, particularly the one from Tenuta Sant'Antonio, primarily features the region's noble grape, Corvina, complemented by other indigenous or "family" varieties such as rondinella, croatina, and oseleta. Aged and refined in casks for a minimum of two years, Tenuta Sant'Antonio's Valpolicella Superiore immediately captivates with its vibrant and character-filled color, hinting at the vitality and personality that await the discerning palate.

The aromatic journey begins with a broad and luxurious bouquet, teeming with high-quality red fruit and floral notes that intermingle gracefully with hints of dried licorice, sweet tobacco, leather, and spices. On the palate, the wine harmoniously embodies everything perceived through sight and smell. It is full-bodied, exuding refined roundness, striking a delicate balance between savory richness and exquisite acidity, creating a rare gustatory masterpiece.

A wine that embodies the spirit of a family deserves its

rightful place on a table adorned with the finest ingredients. Whether paired with succulent grilled beef, lamb, or game, or accompanied by mountain cheeses, this wine's family-oriented harmony can also be cherished with a slice of high-quality bread and exquisite Venetian soppressa. Truly outstanding!

## Company Profile

Tenuta Sant'Antonio was established in 1995 as a dream of the four Castagnedi brothers who, coming from generations of winegrowers, were committed to making iconic wines guided by research, experience and passion, giving a new interpretation to terroirs that encompass true milestones of the Veneto, Italian and worldwide winemaking tradition. Valpolicella DOC and Soave DOC. Located on the beautiful hillsides of Colognola ai Colli, the Estate is an ambitious and constantly evolving business project that has always set rigorous quality as the backbone of production, continually pushing the boundaries of innovation to promote sustainability, excellence and international acknowledgement, and ensuring the highest expression of the Estate's identity. Three brands are produced, Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Scaia and Télos, capable of astounding with labels ranging from Amarone to Soave and Valpolicella, each with its own soul while being all intrinsically bound up with the company's know-how. Through them, the family expresses its vision of viticulture, creating each bottle in a unique way and applying the painstaking care of craftsmanship to a production that will captivate consumers worldwide.

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