

# CIMA CAPONIERA

## AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO RISERVA

Sometimes, to understand the essence of an ambitious project, it is necessary to start from the inspiration, from the feeling that generated the spark.

More than the beginning of a new journey, the landing in the classic Amarone zone represents for Ca' Rugate the consecration of an agricultural and oenological path.

**After more than twenty years of experience in the Valpolicella doc**, with the learning and teachings that only so many vintages of certain grapes can bring you through, the time had come to try our hand at **the classic area of the appellation, the tip of the pyramid**, where the wineries and terroirs that have determined the planetary success of this unique wine are based.

Ca' Rugate thus arrived in the classic area with humility and patience.

It has studied, learned and now, with utmost respect for those who have written history, it faces for the first time on the side of the **Amarone classic area** with its **Cima Caponiera**, whose vineyard is located in the **hamlet of Monte**, within the municipality of **Sant'Ambrogio della Valpolicella**, at about 600 meters above sea level.

From this place, charged with energy, you can admire a unique landscape, overlooking from the Lake Garda to the Dolomites, summarized in the short thought on the back label:

*<< Cima Caponiera, like a painting, among oxygen, wind, lake and mountains against the light, to sketch its memory >>.*

In following the inspiration, a factor was also considered that it is and will be necessary to deal with for those who decide to continue being a **vigneron**: climate change.

The **Climate Change**, a very present and equally diriment topic in the world wine scene in recent years, has helped shifting the focus to vineyards in high altitudes, those that, due to natural orographic complexity, have always been more difficult to cultivate.

Variation in meteorological parameters will influence in a decisive form the agronomic choices of the years to come. Ca' Rugate has behind it a marked and solid attitude toward working in complicated, high and steep vineyards.

This sum of experience guided the choice of Cima Caponiera.

The vineyard's approximately **600 meters of altitude** are a testament to the desire and goal of conceiving wines with pulsating energy, even when faced with a type that is itself very structured.

**The Ca' Rugate imprinting, consistent over the decades**, both on the white wine front and on the red wine front, summarized in a balance between substance, complexity and a high point of drinkability, will also be found in this last great challenge: **the Amarone classico riserva Cima Caponiera**.

Lastly, the name: Caponiera, evocative of an ancient fortress, an outpost defending the territory, handed down over time to recognize the area; a true *lieu-dit*, as they would say in Burgundy.

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