

VENETO, ITALY

Tommaso Bussola



HISTORY

Winemaking/Viticulture: Tommaso and Paolo Bussola

Marketing: Daniela Benedetti (Tommaso's wife) and Giuseppe Bussola

History: The self-taught Bussola took over his uncle's domaine in 1985. He aims to make the best normale wines possible in each vintage. In many years, he is also able to make limited quantities of his elite TB line, selected from the best grapes at harvest.

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Soils: Toar (basalt) & chalky gravel. Terraced steep hillside vineyards

Fruit Source: 15 hA in Valpolicella Classico.

Estate Plantings: 40% Corvinone, 40% Corvina, 10% Rondinella, plus 10% Dindarella, Molinara, Merlot, Cabernet France, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vine Age: 35% 12+ years old, 40% 45+ years old, 25% 60+ years old.

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

Bussola uses different barrel sizes, woods (oak, cherry, chestnut, acacia) and aging for each wine, and is always experimenting.

Because of Bussola's demanding standards, production of each cuvée varies dramatically from vintage to vintage.

Practicing organic viticulture.

THE WINES

	Grapes	Ave Prod
Valpolicella Ripasso "Ca'del Laito"	60% Corvina and Corvinone, 30% Rondinella, 10% Molinara & other varieties.	2,500 cases
Amarone della Valpolicella Classico	65% Corvina and Corvinone, 30% Rondinella, 5% Molinara & other varieties	2,000 cases
Recioto della Valpolicella Classico	55% Corvina and Corvinone, 30% Rondinella, 15% others	400 cases (6x500mL)
L'Errante	50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon.	250 cases <i>Note: Produced with a blend of the Amarone and Ripasso methods</i>
TB Valpolicella Classico Superiore	75% Corvina and Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 15% other varieties.	1,000 cases
TB Amarone	75% Corvina and Corvinone, 15% Rondinella, 10% Other varieties	0 to 600 cases
TB Amarone "Vigneto Alto"	Wine made with grapes from a single vineyard called Vigneto Alto. This wine is produced in limited quantities, and is bottled in only the best vintages	0 to 300 cases
TB Recioto della Valpolicella	5% Corvina and Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 15% other varieties.	0 to 300 cases (6x500mL)