

The Giuseppe Campagnola brand has existed since 1907 and has seen five generations at the helm of its winemaking operations. Today, the estate buys fruit from more than 50 growers who collectively farm 80 hectares in the area, 30 of which are located in Valpolicella. The Campagnola brand refers to various wines made in the Verona area and the Caterina Zardini brand is specifically for wines made in Valpolicella.



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2008 Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva Caterina Zardini

The 2008 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva Caterina Zardini is a delicious effort with pretty floral notes of dried rose potpourri and church incense. The bouquet starts with highly perfumed aromas and steadily moves toward fruit, tar, spice, and root beer as the wine evolves. It hits all the right marks in terms of intensity and persistency: This is a bold wine that never goes over-the-top.



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2009 Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone della Valpolicella Classico "Vigneti Vallata di Marano"

The 2009 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Vigneti Vallata di Marano represents a straightforward blend of 65% Corvina and Corvinone with 35% Rondinella. Some 60% of the wine is aged in botte grande for 24 months and the rest sees 18 months of French barrique. This is an attractive red wine with bold lines and thick fruit nuances that wrap nicely around the palate.



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2011 Giuseppe Campagnola Valpolicella Classico Superiore Caterina Zardini

The 2011 Valpolicella Classico Superiore Caterina Zardini is loaded tight with modern touches of exotic spice, chocolate, crushed peppercorn, dried cherry and fragrant Spanish cedar wood. The international style adopted here makes this wine soft and approachable. I'd suggest a pairing with heavy foods such as steak in creamy green pepper sauce. There's enough acidity and alcohol to keep the palate clean.



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2011 Giuseppe Campagnola Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore

The 2011 Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore shows a delicate and almost ethereal side to Ripasso that is otherwise very difficult to find in this category of hearty Italian red wine. Leather, tobacco, spicy oak and molasses frame lighter nuances of forest berry and cassis. The mouthfeel is crisp and lean.