

2019 Le Alene, Veneto Rosso IGT

Cantina San Cassiano, Veneto, Italy



The Wine:

The 2019 San Cassiano Le Alene IGT is a single-vineyard wine from the Alene Vineyard in the Mezzane Hills outside of Verona. The blend is 100% Corvinone, a special clone of Corvina known for its concentrated berries and high intensity flavors and structure. The grapes are harvested at full ripeness and left to dry on traditional drying mats (typically used for Amarone) for 40 days. During this period the grapes lose water to evaporation while sugars and flavors are concentrated. The wine is aged for 36 months in French oak barrels and then another 12 months in the bottle prior to being released. The total production in 2019 was just under 5,000 bottles.

The Estate:

A ten-acre vineyard and winery in the Mezzane hills of Valpolicella. Owned and farmed by winemaker Mirko Sella. Mirko combines today's technologies with timeless traditional winemaking methods. He is dedicated to the pursuit of absolute perfection in his wines. He also produces a world-class extra virgin olive oil from 100-year-old olive trees on the estate.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Dark ruby-purple.

Aromas: Ripe black cherry, vanilla, leather and hints of fresh cut cedar wood.

Flavor & Texture: Full-bodied on the palate with soft plush tannins, the wine shows creamy black and red fruits, woody spices and hints of cocoa.

Food Pairing: Wild mushroom Risotto, made with the wine, and served with herb-crusted prime rib.

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