



- **Country:** Italy
- **Region:** Veneto
- **Vintage:** 2020
- **Colour:** Red
- **Grape Variety:** Pinot Noir
- **ABV:** 11.5%
- **Bottle Size:** 75cl
- **Closure:** Synthetic cork
- **Style:** Crunchy red berries
- **Drink With:** Pork or Chicken either simply roasted or in a casserole

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## ASTORIA CARANTO PINOT NOIR

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Astoria Caranto Pinot Noir has an attractive, bright bouquet that is really open and packed with strawberry and raspberry aromas. On the palate, Caranto Pinot Noir has plenty of crunchy red fruit, a touch of earthy spice, a light, and elegant structure, and a fresh fruity finish. Great served cool for summertime drinking but equally as good for quaffing with a wintertime casserole.

This delicious Astoria Caranto Pinot Noir is incredibly youthful and vibrant – great value too! You don't really associate north-east Italy with Pinot Noir but this is a little gem that most certainly deserves consideration. It's a great lunchtime wine and travels well to a picnic too!

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### WHY WE LIKE THIS WINE

Pinot Noir is quite a low-cropping grape variety and therefore it tends to be pricey. None of that here. It's not cheap but certainly not expensive and it's a great all-rounder. You could also drink it with meaty fish such as shark or tuna.

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### ABOUT THE GROWER

Brothers Paolo and Giorgio Polegato, members of the same winemaking family behind Antonini Ceresa Vini, set up Astoria Vini in 1987. Astoria wines are mainly produced from grapes grown on its own 40 acre Tenuta Val De Brun estate in Refrontolo, right in the heart of the DOCG Conegliano-Valdobbiadene zone. As you would expect from such a location the excellence of Astoria Vini Prosecco is a given. What you might not expect is the range and the quality of the still wines produced by Astoria Vini, from light, fresh, unoaked whites to substantial, ageworthy, barrique-aged reds and dried grape, Passito dessert wines - all of which are very stylishly packaged.

Awards for the Astoria Vini range of wines are numerous and it is seldom a year that goes by at Vinitaly, Italy's major wine fair, that the Polegato brothers are not rewarded in some form. In addition to the high quality of their wines they consistently offer exceptionally stylish packaging, helping the Astoria Vini to wines stand out in any situation. Great value, great looking and great quality.