



- **Country:** Italy
- **Region:** Veneto
- **Vintage:** 2018
- **Colour:** Red
- **Grape Variety:** Merlot
- **ABV:** 13%
- **Bottle Size:** 75cl
- **Closure:** Synthetic cork
- **Style:** Plummy fruit
- **Drink With:** Pasta with a meat sauce, roast meats and casseroles

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ASTORIA IL PURO MERLOT

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Astoria Il Puro Merlot has intense aromas of red berries and spice that give into a full and generous palate with supple structure. The finish is long and elegant and the complete wine shows bags of typical plummy, berry, Merlot character. Great presentation too.

Astoria Il Puro Merlot is produced from vines grown in the gravel soils of Piave, giving a full flavoured Merlot from the Astoria stable. Traditional red wine vinification extracts colour and tannins, followed by ageing in tank for 3 months before bottling.

WHY WE LIKE THIS WINE

Fantastic Merlot character at a very affordable price. As usual, Astoria have produced a wine that screams of the grape variety, that is perfectly balanced and is soft and silky to drink. The presentation is top class too!

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.