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## 92 2015 Amarone Della Valpolicella Selezione Antonio Castagnedi DOCG Points Tenuta Sant'Antonio

After deciding not to make any Amarone in the difficult 2014 vintage, the Castagnedi brothers must have been pleased with the quality in Selezione, their flagship 2015. The fruit comes from mature vines, and they pick it slightly early to emphasize freshness and to keep the alcohol level around 15 percent. Even so, it's a densely concentrated wine, loaded with notes of clove and vanilla picked up during two years in new French oak tonneaux. The spice notes give way to more savory tones as the wine opens up, the flavors picking up energy as they expand across the palate. For all of its bold spiciness, it finishes dry and balanced.