



## TENUTA SANT'ANTONIO "ARGILLE BIANCHE" RECIOTO DELLA VALPOLICELLA DOCG



### PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):  
Armando, Tiziano, Paolo, and  
Massimo Castagnedi

Winemaker:  
Paolo Castagnedi

Winery Founded:  
1995

Region:  
Veneto

### WINE STORY

Recioto della Valpolicella is one of the classic dessert wines of Italy. Tenuta Sant'Antonio Argille Bianche is produced with the same grapes and techniques of Amarone, except that the fermentation of the dried grapes is stopped while a large amount of sugar remains in the wine. The result is a wine that is very sweet and a bit tannic. It's a meditation wine that Tenuta Sant'Antonio produces only in the top vintages. Argille bianche means white clays, referring to the soils in the vineyards here.

### VINEYARDS & VINIFICATION

<b>VINEYARD LOCATION:</b>	Commune of Mezzane di Sotto in the eastern part of the Valpolicella region
<b>ELEVATION:</b>	300 meters
<b>SOILS:</b>	Primarily fossil-rich limestone
<b>TRAINING SYSTEM:</b>	Guyot
<b>FARMING PRACTICES:</b>	
<b>AGE OF VINES:</b>	30 years (planted 1988)
<b>YIELD:</b>	9,000 kg per hectare
<b>GRAPES:</b>	70% Corvina, 20% Rondinella, 5% Croatina, 5% Oseleta
<b>TYPE OF YEAST:</b>	Selected
<b>POST-FERMENTATION PROCEDURES:</b>	Batonnage twice a month until the end of summer
<b>SECOND FERMENTATION:</b>	
<b>MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:</b>	Yes, spontaneous in oak casks
<b>FILTRATION:</b>	Microfiltration
<b>AGING CONTAINER:</b>	500-liter French oak casks in their second use
<b>AGING TIME:</b>	3 years
<b>BOTTLE AGING TIME:</b>	1 year
<b>PRODUCTION:</b>	3,000 375-ml bottles per year
<b>VEGAN:</b>	No

### TECHNICAL DATA

<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.50%	<b>TOTAL ACIDITY:</b>	7 g/l
<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR:</b>	120 g/l	<b>EXTRACT:</b>	45 g/l