



**February 14, 2022 @ 8.00pm**

**WINES OF VENETO**

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**1. PROSECCO SUPERIORE VALDOBBIADENE DOCG BRUT - RUGGERI**

Unusual for a Prosecco, in that it is made in a Brut style (actually drier than the more widespread 'extra dry' Prosecco style). How does Ruggeri do this? By making this wine exclusively from some of Valdobbiadene's finest vineyards, what it lacks in sweetness is more than made up for by honest intensity of fruit. Fabulously concentrated nectarine and apricot fruit character, which lingers on the palate far longer than does a 'typical' Prosecco. With its creamy mousse of miniscule bubbles, this is an absolute joy to drink.

**2. 2020 SOAVE CLASSICO DOC - PIEROPAN**

Brilliant straw yellow colour with greenish hints. The delicate nose is reminiscent of almond blossoms and marzipan. Good depth of fruit on the palate, nicely balanced by a zingy acidity that enhances its long length. 85% Garganega, 15% Trebbiano di Soave

**3. 2019 BARDOLINO DOC – LE NOGARE - BERTANI**

Le Nogare, Bardolino from Bertani is a cracking wine, full of ripe red berry fruit flavours and zippy acidity. The grapes are grown in the small village of Bardolino on the eastern shore of Lake Garda adding wonderful freshness and vibrancy - utterly delicious, it's so soft and low in tannin, why not try it chilled?

**4. 2019 VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE DOC – RIPASSO - WAITROSE FRATELLI RECCHIA**

This rich and sumptuous Ripasso della Valpolicella Classico Superiore comes from a renowned family business that was founded in 1906 and has some of the best vineyards in the region. Made in the 'ripasso' style, deep dried cherry and cranberry notes add to the velvety, fresh bramble fruit flavours, with undertones of dark chocolate and spice from maturing in oak. It's perfect with rich pasta dishes or risotto.

**5. 2018 AMARONE VALPOLICELLA DOCG – CANTINA DI NEGRAR**

Mouth-watering chocolate aromas produced by the historic co-operative of Cantina di Negrar. A beautiful full bodied wine that's smooth, with beautifully balanced velvety tannins.

**6. 2017 RECIOTO DELLA VALPOLICELLA DOCG– CANTINA DI NEGRAR**

Intensely fruity and fragrant with raspberry, black cherry plum and prune. The taste is generously sweet, soft and creamy with warm hints of raisin.

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