

## Capitel Nicalò

Valpolicella DOC Superiore

This wine is made from red grape varieties grown on the Moraine Hills in the heart of Valpolicella. This wine is made in a traditional Veronese manner: drying of the grapes. The effect is partial dehydration: the grapes, placed in crates for about one month, lose about 8-10 % of their weight. This water loss naturally enriches the sugar contents of the grapes, their dry extract, and the colour of the wine. Pre-fermentation aromas are formed during drying. These subsequently blend with fermentation aromas and, above all, with tertiary aromas coming from aging the wine in wooden barrels.



### Vineyard Notes

**Soil:** moraine clay and limestone of moraine origin.  
**Vine density:** 5500 vines per hectare.  
**Vineyard age:** 20 years.  
**Cultivation:** Guyot.  
**Pruning:** 12 buds/plant.  
**Production:** 9000 kg/hectare.  
**Grape varieties:** 35% Corvina, 35% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella, 10% Rossignola, Oseleta, Negrara, Dindarella.

### Winemaking Technique

**Grape harvest:** end of September, beginning of October.  
**Grapes drying in fruit storage structure:** 1 month.  
**Alcoholic fermentation and maceration:** 14 days/temperature 23-25° C.  
**Malolactic fermentation**  
**Ageing:** in Slavonian oak barrel for 1/1,5 years.  
**Bottling and bottle ageing:** 6 months.

### Description Of The Wine

**Color:** strong ruby red. Clear and transparent.  
**Bouquet:** intense and elegant: fruit aroma (currants, black cherries) with the vanilla and tobacco of Slavonian oak.  
**Flavor:** good body, good structure, lively acidity and alcohol content well balanced with tannins. The after taste confirms the notes in the bouquet. A complex and elegant wine.  
**Suited for ageing:** 10 years.  
**Combinations:** can be enjoyed throughout the meal, from pasta to cheeses.  
**Serve at:** 16° C.

### Chemical Analysis

**Alcohol** (% in vol.): 13,5  
**Reducing Sugar** (g/l): 1,8  
**Total Acidity** (g/l): 6  
**Net Dry Extract** (g/l): 32,3  
**Total Phenols** (mg/l): 1900

**Bottle Size: 375 ml, 750 ml**