



Welcome to Valpolicella!

Some key facts about Valpolicella wine region.
And if you stay in downtown Verona, we have some suggestions where to eat and taste wines.

Some key facts – good to know

Valpolicella wine region has an extension of 25 km. from West to East and 12 km. from North to South. Vineyards included in the DOC production area counts for about 8,000 hectares (19,770 acres).

The city of Verona stays in the Southern middle of a complex system of valleys that flow from North (Monti Lessini) to South. The Adige river limits Valpolicella in its western and southern sides. Nearby Lake Garda is just 15 km to the west.

Valpolicella is a land steeped in culture as well as having a long tradition of food and wine. The area lies south of the eastern pre-Alps, north of the Adige

river, east of the Valdadige Valley and west of the city of Verona.

3 main areas:

Valpolicella Classica

In this area, wines are generally distinguished by a greater warmth and austerity of character.

Valpantena

Wines are generally distinguished by a greater freshness and elegance, but also great longevity.

Eastern Valpolicella

Wines are generally distinguished by a dynamic and fruity style, with some herbaceous hints.

4 different appellations:

- Valpolicella DOC
- Valpolicella Ripasso DOCG
- Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG
- Recioto della Valpolicella DOCG

Some specifications you may find on the labels:

- "**Valpolicella Classico**": wine coming from the "classical" (= historical area of production) area of Valpolicella
- "**Superiore**": from selected grapes, it's a wine aged minimum 1 year (considered from Jan. 1st after the harvest). It also can specify on the label the Cru of origin, usually with the "Vigna" word followed by the name of the place.
- "**Valpantena**": a valley part of the Valpolicella DOC

Territories and valleys (West to East):

- **Valpolicella Classica**: Sant'Ambrogio di Valpolicella, Fumane, San Pietro in Cariano, Marano, Negrar



Amarone della Valpolicella

- **Valpolicella:** Quinzano and Avesa
- **Valpantena:** Grezzana
- **Eastern Valpolicella** (also named simply Valpolicella DOC): Squaranto, Marcellise, Mezzane, San Briccio di Lavagno, Illasi, Cazzano di Tramigna



Old vines and new bunches in Valpolicella

The grapes:

The traditional blend of Valpolicella wine is made by these three indigenous grapes:

- **Corvina** it's ruled that could be between 45% to 95% of a vineyard
- **Rondinella** could be between 5% to 30% of a vineyard
- **Molinara** it was compulsory to use it till modifications to the rules adopted in 2003. Now it's an optional grape (see below).

In the last 20 years, winegrowers have introduced also:

- **Corvinone**: it could substitute Corvina in a vineyard till the amount of 50%.

Rules of Valpolicella permit to use other grapes, till a contribution of 25%, splitted in this way:

- red, not aromatic grapes, to a maximum of 15% (max. 10% for each variety)
- other Italian indigenous grapes, to a maximum of 10%

Among the "others", you may find:

- Oseleta, Dindarella, Corbina, Spigamonte, Turchetta, Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Teroldego.

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Staying in Verona downtown

☑ Wine places & food places

📖 Individual styles

- ★ Antica Bottega del Vino - Win...
- 🍷 Bottiglieria Corsini - Wine bar...
- ☕ Caffè Coloniale
- ✂ Cangrande Ristorante & Enot...
- ☑ Casa Mazzanti Caffè
- ✂ Casa Perbellini - Restaurant
- ✂ Enoteca Segreta - Restauran...
- 🍷 Enoteca - Vineria - Winefriends
- 🍷 Enoteca Zero 7
- ✂ Flora - Restaurant (vegan & v...
- ☰ Hamburgeria di Eataly
- ✂ La Bottega Della Gina - Rest...
- 🍷 La Lanterna - Pizzeria for veg...
- ✂ L'Oste Scuro
- 🍷 Nastro Azzurro - Pizzeria & R...
- ✂ Officina dei Sapori - Restaur...
- 🍷 Osteria Al Carroarmato - Win...
- ✂ Osteria Al Duomo - Restaurant
- ✂ Osteria la Fontanina - Restau...
- 🍷 Pizzeria Du De Cope
- 🍷 Pizzeria Vesuvio
- ✂ Re Teodorico - Restaurant
- 🍷 Saporé Pizza Stand UP
- ☕ Tosca Caffè Verona
- ✂ Trattoria al Pompiere - Resta...
- 🍷 Zeno Gelato e Cioccolato - Ic...

⋮ Our recommended wine & food places to visit and try:

- **Antica Bottega del Vino - Wine Bar & Restaurant**
historical place for aperitifs (we say “*aperitivo*”) and for the greatest collection in Verona of fine Italian wines - and also from France, Germany, etc. Ask to visit the cellars.
- **Bottiglieria Corsini - Wine bar & Restaurant**
taste and buy wines, they have a wide selection from local and Italian wine regions.
- **Caffè Coloniale**
great place for having a good breakfast or aperitivo. Try their so many kind of coffee and chocolates.
- **Cangrande Ristorante & Enoteca**
famous restaurant in downtown Verona, very close to the Arena. Suited to vegetarians.
- **Casa Mazzanti Caffè**
give them a try for breakfast time in the outdoors of Piazza delle Erbe (more relaxed) or for aperitifs when it becomes very crowded.
- **Casa Perbellini - Restaurant**
famous restaurant managed by Giancarlo Perbellini, the Michelin’s multi-stars chef. The place is a good opportunity to have a look at San Zeno church, the most important in Verona.
- **Enoteca Segreta - Restaurant & Wine Bar**
small place, difficult to locate but it worths the try. Good wine list with a wide selection of local wines.
- **Enoteca - Vineria - Winefriends**
they sell wines and you can taste something form their good selection
- **Enoteca Zero 7**
great place specially if you are looking for sparkling wines to celebrate something or someone, but also to pair wines with some light food. Here we

recommend to try Lessini Durello Spumante Brut, our preferred local sparkling “methode classique”.

- **Flora Restaurant**
recommended for vegetarians and vegans.
- **Hamburgeria di Eataly**
looking for fast and easy food? This is the hamburger’s house by Eataly, the most renowned food store in our country. Good selections of artisanal beers.
- **La Bottega Della Gina - Restaurant**
specialty here is their “pasta fresca” (home made pasta) where “tortelloni” are the most representative meal of this kind. A good choice for a short break and cheap alternative.
- **La Lanterna - Pizzeria for vegans**
Pizzeria suited to vegetarians and vegans.
- **L'Oste Scuro**
among the better choices in downtown Verona about fish meals. Good wine list.
- **Nastro Azzurro - Pizzeria & Restaurant**
few meters from the Arena theatre, it’s a good choice to try pizza here. Ask for Gabriele, a talented and professional waiter and say “ciao” to him from Elisabetta and Giampiero...
- **Officina dei Sapori - Restaurant**
our most preferred choice for fish meals in Verona, but not only fish... Great choice from their wine list of organic, biodynamic and “natural wines”. Tell Fabio Tammaro, the owner and chef, that you are our friends...
- **Osteria Al Carroarmato - Wine bar**
Ancient osteria in the oldest part of Verona, good choice from local wines.
- **Osteria Al Duomo - Restaurant**
small old osteria, nice selection of typical food and wines.



Interactive map of wine & food places in Verona.

Our suggestions are accessible through the web page terroiramarone.net/welcome-visitors or through this code (scan it with your smartphone or tablet)



Scan this code below if you wish to access directly to the map on Google Maps, with more info about these places:



- **Osteria la Fontanina - Restaurant**
famous restaurant near the ancient Roman's bridge, Ponte Pietra, and very close to the Roman's Theatre, site for jazz events and outdoor theatrical performances (only in summertime).
- **Pizzeria Du De Cope**
close to Piazza Erbe, it's a good place for traditional pizza lovers.
- **Pizzeria Vesuvio**
try it in summertime, you can eat pizzas on the banks of river Adige having a good view of the city.
- **Re Teodorico - Restaurant**
good choice for food and very good wine list. And the view over Verona is spectacular..
- **Saporé Pizza Stand UP**
a small corner in Piazza delle Erbe from a local artisanal pizza-maker franchise. High quality for a street food solution
- **Tosca Cafè Verona**
a nice and quiet cafè in ancient old city, right at the beginning of Via Sottoriva, the medieval narrow street that attracts night life in downtown Verona.
- **Trattoria al Pompiere - Restaurant**
if you are looking for the typical "veronese" cuisine this is your place. And the wine list is another good part of the story here...
- **Zeno Gelato e Cioccolato - Ice Cream**
best artisanal ice cream in Verona (and among the best in Italy). Ask for Roberto, the owner and ice cream maker, and tell him we are friends... ;-)

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