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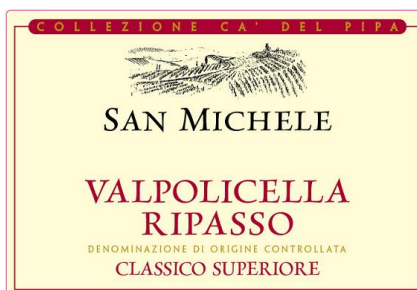
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

## **MICHELE CASTELLANI** **Valpolicella Classico Ripasso 'San Michele' 2012** **90 POINTS**



*"Rich and expressive, with fig paste, chocolate-covered cherry and espresso notes, this is nonetheless refined and balanced on the palate. Fine-grained tannins and juicy acidity carry the oak spice and loamy earth accents on the finish."*

*Alison Napjus - Wine Spectator*



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## MICHELE CASTELLANI Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 'Cinque Stelle' 2010

# 92 POINTS



*"Finely balanced, this knits supple tannins to a savory-sweet interplay of sun-dried black cherry, rich, loamy earth, cured tobacco and zesty ground spice flavors. Enjoyable now, but should start to sing with some cellaring."*

*Alison Napjus – Wine Spectator*

### **Ratings By Vintage:**

1997: Wine Advocate 94; Wine Spectator 93  
 1999: Wine Spectator 91  
 2000: Gambero Rosso Two Red Glasses; Wine Spectator 91  
 2001: Gambero Rosso Two Glasses; Wine Spectator 92  
 2003: Gambero Rosso Two Glasses; Wine Spectator 95 - Highly Recommended  
 2004: Gambero Rosso Two Red Glasses; Wine Spectator 92; Wine Enthusiast 92  
 2005: Gambero Rosso Two Glasses; Wine Spectator 96; Wine Enthusiast 91  
 2006: Wine Spectator 92; Wine Enthusiast 91  
 2007: Gambero Rosso Two Glasses; Wine Spectator 95 - Italy's Top Wine; Wine Enthusiast 89  
 2008: Gambero Rosso Two Glasses; Wine Spectator 93; Wine Enthusiast 90  
 2009: Wine Advocate 90; Gambero Rosso Two Glasses; Wine Spectator 93  
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### MICHELE CASTELLANI Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 'Colle Cristi' 2010

## 90 POINTS



*"Plush tannins provide a firm backbone in this subtle red, layered with ripe flavors of mulberry, medicinal herb, smoke and chocolate shavings. Medium-bodied and juicy, with a moderate finish."*

*-Wine Spectator (Web Only)*

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## MICHELE CASTELLANI Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 'Cinque Stelle' 2010

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*"The 2010 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Ca' del Pipa Cinque Stelle opens to delicious tones of dark fruit, blackberry, dried spice and Spanish Cedar. This fruit-forward expression does a great job of presenting the sheer intensity, power and elegance of Amarone from a classic vintage like 2010. Velvety tannins are followed by plush, sweet fruit flavors."*

*Wine Advocate – February 2015*

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## MICHELE CASTELLANI Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 'Colle Cristi' 2010

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*"The 2010 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Ca' del Pipa Colle Cristi is a balanced and steady wine made from 75% Corvina, 20% Rondinella and 5% Molinara (aged in French barrique). It delivers good fruit intensity, but the wine never goes over the top in terms of extraction like some of its Amarone peers. Supple tannins help fuel a long, polished mouthfeel."*

*Wine Advocate – February 2015*

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