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2016 Speri Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Sant'Urbano

From a vineyard site in Fumane, one of the five villages in the Classico subzone of the appellation with a mix of volcanic soils, comes this richly concentrated red wine from a terrific vintage. The organic Speri 2016 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Sant'Urbano is fleshed out and generous, even at this relatively young stage in its evolution. This hearty and open-knit wine offers dark cherry fruit and black plum, with spice, tarry spice and campfire ash. There's nothing not to love about this bright but full-bodied Amarone made with 70% Corvina and Corvinone, 25% Rondinella and 5% Molinara, all aged in botte and tonneaux. Production is an ample 100,000 bottles.

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2019 Speri Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso

The Speri 2019 Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso shows nice weight and good texture over a generous medium-bodied mouthfeel. The bouquet is very expressive and full, revealing dark cherry and blackcurrant with the raisiny or slightly baked overtones that you should expect of Ripasso. This organic wine offers alternating flavors that swing from sweet to savory, thus broadening considerably this wine's food-pairing potential. The classic blend is 70% Corvina and 20% Rondinella with Molinara and a few other indigenous varieties thrown in for the remaining 10%. Production is 100,000 bottles.

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