



TOMMASI · FAMILY · ESTATES

## Le Prunee Merlot 2016

### delle Venezie IGT

#### ESTATE

Tommasi has always been a standard bearer of the wines of the Veneto, and one of the most important quality producers in the region. The family-run estate was founded in 1902 by Giacomo Tommasi in the village of Pedemonte, which lies in the heart of the Valpolicella Classico region that extends north-west of Verona. Renowned for their Amarone, the Tommasi family has steadily expanded their holdings in other areas of the Veneto and other regions, and now own a total of 1,400 acres under vine between the Veneto, Tuscany, Puglia, Basilicata and Oltrepo Pavese. As has been the case since the winery's establishment, the family works only with grapes they grow, an important quality decision and reflection of their deep connection to the local terroir.

#### WINE

This easy drinking red is a pure expression of Merlot from Northeast Italy with mineral tones as well as flavors of plump cherry, blackberry jam and almond. Le Prunee is a single-vineyard Merlot grown at the Prunee estate in the Sant'Ambrogio valley of Valpolicella Classica.

#### VINEYARD

The Prunee estate and the Le Prunee Merlot refer to the extremely rigorous process used to train the vines – the vineyard rows are very close together, and the intense, severe pruning results in a low yield.

*Grape Varieties:* Merlot

#### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation, and Aging:* The grapes are fermented entirely in stainless steel and aged for 12 months in 65-hectoliter Slavonian oak barrels.

*Alcohol:* 13%



#### TASTING NOTE

Merlot-based Le Prunee is an easy-drinking red wine that would pair perfectly with burgers and franks at an outdoor picnic. Bright cherry, blackberry and almond notes emerge from the bouquet. -Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast