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**Ornato Rosso** Italy – Veneto IGT

The grapes are grown at the foot of the remains of what was once the stunning villa of the della Scala family, one of the most influential families in Verona from the early 1200's to the late 1300's. The much-admired ruler of Verona, Cangrande I della Scala, summered at this villa. Cangrande I was a great warrior, diplomatic prince, and an important patron of the arts. He championed the works of Dante, Petrarch, and Giotto. He created beautiful architecture throughout the city in the ornate, gothic style of his time. This label is a reproduction of the design taken from a fragment of the ornate and intricate art that once covered the ceilings of the villa. In Italian, Ornato means ornate or adorned. This label celebrates the beautiful, complex taste of the della Scala family and the Gothic art of that period.

Intense purple color, tending towards amber with ageing. The oak aging gives pleasant notes of spices and vanilla. This wine has a very solid structure due to the elevated alcohol and the balance between soft tannins and acidity. Great wine for roasted and grilled meats. Ideal with game dishes and excellent with mature hard cheeses.

Varietal(s)	60% Merlot, 35% Corvina, 5% Negroamaro
Appellation	Veneto IGT
Climate	Temperate – mitigated by the sea, the chain of the Alps protects it from the northern winds. Winters are cold and wet; summers are hot and sultry with medium- temperature excursions.
Vinification	Traditional red wine vinification at a controlled temperature. The harvest is carried out in two different times. After the hand-harvest, grapes are pressed, and fermentation starts. The skins are left in the must for a long period to extract flavors and the characteristic ruby red color.
Aging	Aged in oak for 3 to 4 months
Size	12/750ml
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