

## `R` Rosato 2014

Veneto, Italy



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Corvina/Corvinone</b>
Winemaker	<b>Matt Thomson</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>12%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>

### PRODUCER

Alpha Zeta was started in 1999 when Liberty Wines set out to produce a range of modern, fruit-driven wines from the hills outside Verona. Working with leading New Zealand winemaker, Matt Thomson, our aim was to work with growers (rather than buy bulk wine, which is standard among most wines from Verona at this price) to obtain ripe grapes (by reducing yields and picking later) and then, using Matt's expertise, preserve these flavours in the finished wines. The result is a realization of the potential inherent in Veronese viticulture.

### VINEYARDS

The vineyards are situated in the hills outside Verona in the Valpantena Valley. Cool currents blow down the valley from the foothills of the Dolomites, moderating the climate and enabling the grapes to ripen slowly. This helps the grapes to retain their aromatic compounds and acidity. The soil is poor and chalky so the vines are put under stress which helps to produce superior quality fruit.

### VINTAGE

2014 was one of the trickiest vintages seen since 1984. It was a mild and wet winter, so pests and pathogens flourished. This led to lots disease pressure in the vineyards, especially as it was a wet summer. Nevertheless, wines from around Verona look good and are more aromatic than last year and lighter in body than previous vintages. In general, the whites have a higher acidity than seen in recent years so need a bit more time on their lees to fatten out.

### VINIFICATION

This wine was made from juice drained from the skins before fermentation. After macerating on the skins for about 18 hours, the must was fermented at a relatively low temperature (14-15°C) in order to retain the delicate cherry perfumes of Corvina. The wine was held in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks until bottling to maximise freshness.

### TASTING NOTES

Pale pink in colour with a hint of red. Attractive strawberry and sweet cherry aromas are complemented by subtle floral notes. Dry on the palate, the wine has a vibrant red fruit character and fragrant finish.