

`R` Rosato 2020

Veneto, Italy



Grape Varieties	70% Corvina 20% Merlot 10% Rondinella
Winemaker	Matt Thomson & Michele Peroni
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	5.3g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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 at 100-400 meters above sea level in the hills outside Verona in the Valpantena Valley and are south/south-east facing. Cool breezes blow down the valley from the foothills of the Dolomites, which moderate the climate, enabling the grapes to ripen slowly and helping them to retain their aromatic compounds and acidity. The soil is poor and chalky so the vines are put under stress and produce superior quality fruit. The vines are 20-30 years old on average and are trained using both the traditional Pergola Veronese and Guyot systems.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2020 started with a cool and wet spring, which allowed a good flowering. Summer was not too warm. There were two cases of hail at the beginning of harvest but luckily, most of the vines were unaffected. At harvest grapes were at a perfect level of ripening, with a great colour. The production was on average in terms of quantity

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested, destemmed, crushed and macerated on their skins for about 18 hours. After maceration, the must was pressed in a pneumatic press and fermented in 1200-hectolitre stainless steel tanks at a relatively low temperature of 14 to 15°C to retain the delicate cherry perfumes of the Corvina grape. The wine was held in temperature-controlled, 1200-hectolitre stainless steel tanks until bottling to maximise freshness.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is pale pink in colour with fresh aromas of strawberries and red cherry, complimented by subtle floral notes. The wine is dry on the palate, with a vibrant red fruit character and a slightly mineral finish.