

Alpha Zeta,
`C` Corvina 2021
Veneto, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Corvina
Winemaker	Matt Thomson & Michele Peroni
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	5.7g/L
Acidity	5.55g/L
Wine pH	3.4
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

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 100-300 meters above sea level around 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

Spring 2021 saw a fair amount of wind and not much sun, which slowed down the ripening process in the grapes. Despite one incidence of hail before the harvest, little damage occurred. The harvest went well, with a good level of ripeness, sugar content and colour achieved in the grapes. The yield overall was slightly lower than average.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested, destemmed, crushed and pumped into 1200-hectolitre stainless steel tanks prior to fermentation, which occurred at a maximum temperature of 30°C and regular pumping over. The wine was aged in the same stainless steel tanks and then transferred into concrete tanks for final filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This is a youthful, bright ruby coloured wine with fresh, vibrant aromas of ripe cherries and red berries. The palate is balanced and juicy with a supple structure, plum and cinnamon flavours and a lively finish.