



Alpha Zeta, `V` Valpolicella 2015

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 realisation 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, which helps to moderate the climate, 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 helping to produce superior quality fruit.

VINTAGE

The overall climate and weather patterns in 2015 were particularly positive for vines in the Veneto region. The very hot summer with very few rainy days and a constant breeze allowed grapes to ripen in perfect health. September offered ideal conditions for the harvest.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested, de-stemmed, crushed and pumped to stainless steel tanks purpose built for fermenting red wine. The must was left in contact with the skins for seven days, then fermentation took place at up to 30°C. Malolactic fermentation took place in stainless steel tank in which the wine was held until bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A lively, youthful ruby wine with fresh cherry aromas that develop into a rich cherry pie character in the mouth. Body comes from soft, supple tannins that match the concentrated fruit through to the characterful finish.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Valpolicella, Veneto
Grape Varieties	90% Corvina/Corvinone 10% Rondinella
Winemaker	Matt Thomson
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	5.1g/L
Acidity	5.7g/L
Wine pH	3.47
Bottle Sizes	75cl