SANSONINA

Sansonina Merlot 2009

WINE DESCRIPTION
Sansonina is a special project for Carla Zenato and her daughter Nadia. This unique, hand-crafted red is made entirely from Merlot grapes, which are harvested by hand in early September. The winery's name draws from the biblical hero, Samson, who was given superhuman strength. Adding "ina" to a word in Italian is a diminutive term of endearment. Thus, this Merlot becomes a powerful yet refined "Little Samson."

TASTING NOTES
Deep ruby-red in color, with concentrated notes of crushed black cherries, cocoa, dried herbs, and a touch of balsam. Broad, velvety, and mouth-filling on the palate, it strikes a perfect balance between strong tannins and elegant acidity.

FOOD PAIRING
Pair with steak, grilled tenderloin, baby back ribs, or hearty veal stew.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	Veronese IGT
Vineyard name:	The Sansonina vineyard
Vineyard size:	10
Soil composition:	Clay-Loam
Training method:	Spur-pruned Cordon
Elevation:	495 feet
Vines/acre:	3,600
Yield/acre:	2.2 tons
Exposure:	Southwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1997
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	1997
Bottles produced of this wine:	12,000

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Merlot
Fermentation container:	Barrels
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	8-12 days
Fermentation temperature:	79-82 °F
Maceration technique:	Pumpovers
Length of maceration:	15 days
Type of aging container:	Barriques
Size of aging container:	225 L
Age of aging container:	New-One year
Type of oak:	French and Austrian oak
Length of aging before bottling:	24 months
Length of bottle aging:	12-18 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14.4%
pH level:	3.7
Residual sugar:	5.9 g/L
Acidity:	6.3 g/L
Dry extract:	35.6 g/L

PRODUCER PROFILE
Estate owned by: Carla Prospero Zenato
Winemaker: Silvano Tempesta
Total acreage under vine: 30
Estate founded: 1997
Winery production: 12,000 Bottles
Region: Veneto
Country: Italy

WINEBOW IMPORTS