



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: The Zenato family
Winemaker: Alberto Zenato
Total acreage under vine: 175
Estate founded: 1960
Winery production: 160,000 Bottles
Region: Veneto
Country: Italy

Zenato Bardolino Chiaretto 2012

WINE DESCRIPTION

Chiaretto is based on the same grapes as Bardolino. During vinification, the juice is allowed to macerate briefly on the skins which releases a small amount of pigment and aromatic compounds. This crucial step gives the Zenato rosato its characteristic fresh red fruit aromas.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a strong personality, offering notes of raspberries and blackcurrants with grassy undertones that are mirrored harmoniously in the mouth. On the palate, it is delicate and balanced with structured acidity and a lingering sweet almond finish.

FOOD PAIRING

While it is perfect as an aperitif, this wine pairs well with hors d'oeuvres, first courses, and white meat.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	Veneto DOC
Vineyard size:	38
Soil composition:	Calcareous, Clay, and Sand
Training method:	Pergola
Elevation:	330-495 feet
Vines/acre:	1,080-1,200
Yield/acre:	4.8 tons
Exposure:	Southeastern / Southern
Year vineyard planted:	1995
Harvest time:	September-October
Bottles produced of this wine:	160,000

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	Corvina 65%, Rondinella 25%, Merlot 10%
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	20 days
Fermentation temperature:	64 °F

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	12.6%
pH level:	3.3
Residual sugar:	6.3 g/L
Acidity:	5.8 g/L
Dry extract:	26.6 g/L