



# ZENATO®

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WINE REVIEW

Founded in 1960 by Sergio Zenato, the estate is now run by his children Alberto (in charge of wine production) and Nadia (sales and marketing). Unlike other Amarone houses, white wines are also very important for Zenato, given their leading role in Lugana production (where they own Tenuta Santa Cristina). The family owns a little less than 100 hectares of vineyards, but also rent others, so as to farm in total about 250 hectares of vines, and not just in Veneto (Zenato also owns Podere Prospero in Bolgheri).



**Zenato 2018 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico** 93

Medium-dark red colour. Sour red cherry, blackberry and botanicals on the nose. Enters clean and fresh, with pure red fruit and herbal flavours, then turns more textured in the middle, before becoming lithe and lively again on the finish, marked by relatively high acidity that will make you mouth water. Not as concentrated as the 2018 Riserva, but I like this classic Amarone's balance. A blend of 70% Corvina, 25% Corvinone and Rondinella, with 5% Croatina and Oseleta, this is aged for three years in both large oak barrels (about two thirds of the total) and smaller 500 and 300 liter tonneaux (the remaining one third). Drinking window: 2025-2032.

**Zenato 2018 Amarone della Valpolicella Riserva Sergio Zenato** 93

Good full opaque ruby-red. Aromas of dark plum, raisins, smoke and vanilla. Coffee and cocoa complement plum, raisin and smoky blackberry in the mouth, with a long close featuring a little spicy nuance including a late hit of peppery tannins. Deep, rich and spicy, this is an excellent Amarone that will age well, but I think the less than stellar 2018 vintage didn't allow for this Riserva to outshine the regular Amarone wines like it normally would have. About 90 % Corvina and Corvinone with very little Rondinella and even less Croatina and Oseleta from very old vines. Aged aged for four years in barrel and one in bottle. Only 10-12% of Zenato's yearly Amarone production is tagged to be a Riserva. Drinking window: 2026-2035.