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Zenato Alanera Rosso Veronese - Smooth, Lush and Tasty

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55% Corvina, 25% Rondinella, 10% Corvinone, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Merlot from the Costalunga Estate in Veneto, Italy. 50% of the grapes used to produce the wine are partially dried for 45-60 days (appassimento method) and the wine spends 12 months in 2-3 year old French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. The wine has 5.1 g/L of residual sugar.

Sample submitted for review. The wine has an SRP of \$17 and is available **for as low as \$12**. 200,000 bottles were produced. It is imported by Winebow.

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Every spring, swallows give new life to the sky over our vineyards in the heart of Valpolicella. After the cold winter months, they seek shelter among the rocky niches of “our” Monte Costalunga. Traditionally harvest always starts when swallows instinctively sense the change of the season: swallows were leaving, harvest was starting. Still these days swallows fly in the sky of Monte Costalunga during harvest, celebrating the vineyards that lay below their wings. The three swallows on the label of Alanera (Black Wing) testify Zenato’s commitment to respect and authenticity. Alanera features flavors of dried and fresh cherries, coffee and sweet tobacco, supported by fresh acidity and soft tannins.

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13.5% Alcohol

The **2019 Zenato Alanera Rosso Veronese** opens with attractive aromas of ripe dark berry and dried fruit along with touches of sweet spice, licorice and more.

Taking a sip reveals a smooth, lush and tasty wine that is both easy to drink and pleasingly complex. Just a hint of sweetness helps add appeal. In the mouth it has similar fruit to the nose with touches of well-integrated spice and hints of earthiness underneath.

It ends dry and long. This is really pleasing, especially for as low as \$12!

2019 Zenato Alanera Rosso Veronese

Taste: 8 (89-90 points) Cost: 7

OVERALL RATING: 7.8

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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Cheers!

And here's our review of the similar 2018 vintage:

Attractive aromas of ripe dark berry and dried fruit kick things off on the **2018 Zenato Alanera Rosso Veronese** which also features touches of sweet spice, licorice and more.

Taking a sip reveals a smooth, lush and tasty wine that is both easy to drink and pleasingly complex. In the mouth it has similar fruit to the nose with a touch of earthiness underneath.

It ends dry and long. Good stuff, especially for as low as \$12!

2018 Zenato Alanera Rosso Veronese

Taste: 8 (89-90 points) Cost: 7

OVERALL RATING: 7.8

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