



# UNCORKED BY THE SEA



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## 2020 Zeni Fef Corvina Veronese, Veneto, Italy

Sitting in the hills of Bardolino, the Zeni family has spent the last 150 years dedicating themselves to producing some of the finest wines in Verona. Since 1870 the Zeni Family have been dedicated to growing and producing classic Veronese wines. Fausto, Elena and Federica run the business following in their father Gaetano 'Nino' Zeni's footsteps. Only the best grapes result in wines with such a distinctive character that are true expressions of the unique terroir. Corvina is also the main grape variety in Bardolino, a light red from the southeastern side of Lake Garda, also in Veneto. Because of the dark and almost black coloring of its grape berries, Corvina takes its name from the Italian word, corvo, a local, jet-black raven. Fef is the acronym of Fausto, Elena and Federica. This is a delicious, modern expression is harmonious and shows off the local character and elegance of the Corvina grape. With its intense ruby red color, fragrances of ripe fruit and spices, a full-bodied, soft and long lasting taste this wine is a perfect match for traditional dishes like pasta with different sauces or grilled meat.

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## 2019 Elena Walch Merlot Alto Adige, Italy

Born in the Alto Adige region, Elena Walch originally trained as an architect but when she married into the historic Walch family in the 80's that path changed. She became enamored with the wine world & decided to dedicate her life's work to the beautiful terroir of her home region & the grapes that have been cultivated there for generations. Elena was, and remains, ahead of her time; early on she adopted more sustainable farming practices in the vineyards. Elena Walch is a leading Alto Adige wine estate, in family hands, and belongs to the elite in Italian wine production, with international success. This 100% Merlot from southeast oriented vineyards is a vibrant garnet red in color; the nose is intense & clean with wild berry, spice & cocoa aromas that lead to a silky palate showing firm but velvety tannins, lush wild berry-like notes along with a juiciness and a good amount of freshness to balance the fruit characteristics.

Pairings: This wine can really run the gambit of food options; the obvious grilled meats or roasts are perfect but it is also a great option for heartier, aged cheeses with a selection of salumi & olives. It pairs well with fattier off the grill- salmon, swordfish or tuna.