



# The Daily Drinker

2015 Zelen, Zorz

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**Wine Variety:** Zelen means green in Slovene, a name it gets from the brightly coloured juice of the grape. It transpires that Zelen is actually a diverse group of distinct varieties, so we do not actually know a) if there is a one true Zelen and b) which one has gone into this wine! The name Zelen has been used for a Slovenian grape for a very long time. There were just 64 hectares of Zelen planted in south-west Slovenia in 2009.

**Wine Region:** Wine was being produced in Slovenia in pre-Roman times and was continued through the Middle Ages by the church. Slovenia now has one of the highest per capita wine consumption figures in the world, although 10% of production is exported. Focus is very much on quality wine, with some regions - Primorska in particular - venturing into the realm of natural and orange wine.












**Wine Producer:** We are in Primorska here, close to the Italian border, in the Vipavska Dolina (Vipava Valley), where Zorz work 25 hectares of vines, including the local Zelen and Pinella, as well as international varieties. Their wine business dates back to the 17th century.

Single Bottle **£12.00**

member price: £10.80

Six Bottle Case **£72.00**

member price: £64.80

 <b>Style:</b> Dry White - rich	 <b>Grape Variety:</b> Zelen	 <b>Producer:</b> Zorz	 <b>Serving Temperature:</b> 9°C
 <b>Alcohol Content:</b> 12%	 <b>Country:</b> Slovenia	 <b>Appellation:</b> Vipavska Dolina	 <b>Drink By:</b> 2018
 <b>Bottle Size:</b> 75cl	 <b>Region:</b> Primorska	 <b>Colour:</b> Still White	 <b>Food:</b> Aperitif Asian/Spicy Canapés Cheese Chicken Pork Salads

## Tasting Notes:

An interesting nose that reminds me of the Muscat family i.e. it has a dense grapey spiciness. Those aromas combine with rhubarb and a hint of something lychee to produce something really rather exotic smelling. The palate is really dry. It starts out rich and concentrated and wrapped around with the spice and those exotic flavours that appeared as aromas on the nose. Through it - and emerging at the death - is a focused spine of intense freshness. Quite a mouthful!

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