## HERCULES

## **HYDRA**

VERNATSCH 2021



Terroir:

Site Kampenn – Colle (Bolzano)

Altitude 500-600 m a.s.l.

Soil Limestone-porphyry weathered soils

Hillside north facing

Slope 35 %
Pruning system Guyot
Vines/hectare 5000 pc/ha
Yield/hectare 90 hl/ha

Harvest End of September

## Year 2021:

In April and May, the weather was stable and spring-like, with plenty of sunshine and mild temperatures. July started off fairly balanced, but toward the end, the hottest days of the summer arrived. September felt like an extension of summer, with many days reaching close to 30°C. Only in the final days did a significant cold front bring lasting cooler temperatures. October, however, stood out in terms of temperature: while most other months were warmer than average, temperatures in October were below the norm.

Vinification:

Vinification: Spontaneous fermentation on the skins, with one

third of the stems, in clay amphora

Maturation: One year in amphora, followed by one year in

used barriques, and a third year in bottle

Bottling: 500 bottles and 10 magnums in January 2024

Analytical data:

Alcohol 12, 5 % Vol.
Residual sugar 1,4 g/l
Acidity 4,7 g/l

## Tasting notes and food recommendation:

Color: Intense, vibrant ruby red

Aroma: Complex aromas of red fruits, sour cherry, and smoke

Taste: Powerful with pleasantly firm tannins. Juicy, elegant, and

persistent on the finish

Ideal food accompaniments to the Hercules Hydra are Fish dishes, beef

carpaccio, beetroot tartare, "Cacio e pepe" pasta

Aging potential: 8 - 12 years

Optimal serving temperature: 12-14 °C

