



Aperol spritz

Cocktail

- The spritz is colored, fresh and not too alcoholic and is the **cocktail symbol of Italian aperitifs**.
- It is composed of **Aperol**, **prosecco**, **seltz** and - as decoration - a slice of orange and some ice cubes.
- This cocktail was born during the Austrian domination in Lombardy-Veneto, an area in the north east of Italy.
- For the Austrians the Venetian wines were too strong and they decided to dilute them with sparkling water, which was later replaced by seltz.
- In the 1920s they started to add Aperol to the cocktail, although in some places they still sell it with white wine.

