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## Intelligently-Created Wines with a Terroir, Technique & History

If you thought you had unraveled the world of wine already, wait, there's more!

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Fluctuations in weather in some parts of the world gave us an opportunity to review and recap some of the memorable and recent wine tastings we've been attending, doing our best to learn all we can in order to be able to share our discoveries with you. These tastings of red, white, rose and sparkling wines took place in New York City at various locations, which proved to be quite enlightening!



Zenato Ripasso.

On to Italy and its Amarone wines which are made in the Valpolicella valley in the Veneto region. Organized by **Famiglie Storiche**, wine makers from 13 wineries took us through each of their wines. Each wine we sampled is made using the appassimento method of partially drying grapes after harvest prior to bottling or casking. Afterwards, I had a few minutes to speak with Alberto Zenato whose family founded the winery called **Zenato** in 1960. The family-run business champions local grape varieties (there are five in the Valpolicella region: Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella, Oseleta and Negrara) and traditional wine making in the region of Valpolicella. The Amarone Riserva "Sergio Zenato" 2007 DOC was full of cherry, tobacco, truffle and leather aromas with a luscious finish. Open and enjoy, or cellar this beauty!