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## Surprisingly good sparkling wines from Garda

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In connection with a trip to Italy in the spring, I visited quite a few wineries around Lake Garda. Many of them make wines that cannot be approved by the local DOCs because they do not comply with the rules for grape composition, alcohol percentage or aging.

Instead, they are funneled into the large and regional Garda-DOC, which is an umbrella organization for wines that do not follow local regulations.

## # Zenato – Metodo Charmat Brut Rosé, Garda

The sparkling wines in the Garda appellation can either be made using the cheap charmat method, where they get their bubbles in a pressure tank. Or they can be made according to the champagne method, where they get their bubbles by second fermentation in the bottle. Here is an excellent charmat.

In the aroma you will find honeydew melon and raspberry in combination with a small hint of yeast. The taste is nice and dry without the great complexity, but wow, how good it tastes. Easy-flowing and elegant with a slight salty minerality in the aftertaste. 89-90

