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Bordeaux Blend, Amarone, and Barolo OH MY!

Last night Claudio and I were lucky enough to be invited to an industry event V'incontro at Agenzia di Pollenzo where we could finally taste local but world famous wines like Gaja and Marchesi Di Gresy ... for free! This was an unmissable opportunity because even though I live in Piemonte, I still don't have the pocketbook to taste wines like *these*. In fact, this was going to be my first "Gaja" experience! What I didn't expect was to have so many other "firsts"!



There was such a vast selection of esteemed and quality wineries that it is hard to sum up all together. So I am going to share with you the wines that really **dazzled me**. The ones that prevail in your memories, and the ones that really stood out.

Scavino

Our Turnover crew was all hovering over the **Scavino** table so we rushed over to join them. Of all the many wines I tasted last night ... **this was the trophy winner!** Elisa, the server and daughter of Enrico Scavino, really impressed me because of how down-to-earth and dynamic she was. She kept pulling out the Barolo map to show us the million cru areas and better explain so many of their fabulous wines! The first Barolo **Monvigliero** comes from the feminine side of langhe in Verduno close to our property. Without a doubt I smelled and tasted smooth notes of balsamic and eucalyptus. This was incredible and definitely more my style! Then we tasted the 2008 Cannubi cru which is in the Barolo zone and still on the feminine side. The femininity of dark chocolate, cocoa powder gave this wine incredible sensuality. We tried both the awesome 2008 Bric del Fiasc which reminded me of milk chocolate, blackberries and earthy forest floors and the **2003** vintage which was even more incredible. It kept changing with every whiff and sniff! Ripe blackberries, and dried rose petals and tar. By far my favorite was the **2006 Riserva Rocche dell' Annunziata (97 pts. Parker)** which tasted like all the flavors of those before blended richly and elegantly together all in perfect harmony.



Last night I fell in love with Paolo Scavino and his whole range of Barolo! Now I can't wait to visit the winery and one day eat dinner at the Guido Restaurant in the Agenzia di Pollenzo. What a great way to start the week! Cin Cin

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Elisa Scavino and Anna Savino. Loved the photo of you two. Nearly related? What a great event. I want to run down and get a Scavino for the weekend. Enjoyed it!

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Anna Savino[April 18, 2012 at 11:15 AM](#)

Yeah... I wish!

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Dominic[April 18, 2012 at 8:22 PM](#)

Very jealous...that sounds like my kind of night!

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