

Wine game-changers

There's a revolution afoot within NYC's vino scene. *TONY* examines some key moments of the past decade.

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September 2005 Natural wines get a shop all their own

Today, locavores can find plenty of eco-friendly vino to pair with their Greenmarket eats. It wasn't so when Scott Pactor—a finance guy turned assistant wine director at Balthazar—opened the city's first natural-wine-focused store, **Appellation Wine & Spirits** (156 Tenth Ave between 19th and 20th Sts, 212-741-9474). The pioneering Chelsea storefront offered an inventory of three-quarters organic, sustainable and biodynamic wines. Pactor felt these offerings better reflected terroir because their production included a minimal amount of human interference (added sulfites, pesticides, etc.). Since Pactor first stocked his shelves with green producers, a number of wine stores (such as Natural Wine Co.) and bars (Ten Bells and the Tangled Vine among them) have followed his lead.

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