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Insights from Italy

For 121BC sourcing wine goes beyond simply tasting. 121BC sommelier, Giorgio De Maria, recently travelled through Italy - from Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto and Friuli in the north to Campania, Calabria and Puglia in the south and the islands of Sicilia and Sardegna - meeting with producers, visiting their vineyards, and tasting. Along the way Giorgio deepened his understanding of the work and knowledge that goes into making a good wine.

One of the aspects of wine making that stood out was how the forces of nature continually humble the producers. Whilst staying at Bressan wines in Friuli, a hail storm came through in the middle of the night damaging four hectares of vineyards. Just the previous day Nereo, the 80 year old viticulture manager had taken Giorgio to visit his meticulously kept vineyards, identifying each vine as if it were a person. Far from outraged by the damage, Nereo accepted this as just part of the game, respecting the authority and changeability of nature.



Nereo working in Bressan's vineyards.

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