

There are quite a few wine retail stores in where I live. There are two of my favorite wine retail stores near saint marks, East Village. However, this time, I decided to explore some of local wine stores in Astoria, Queens. The first wine store I visited was Grand Wine and Liquor



Grand Wine and Liquor is the largest wine retail store in Astoria. Most of the wines were standing straight on shelves and the price range for most bottles were less than 20 dollars.



Higher quality wines were stored properly in glass display. They were stored in wine racks and some were sitting in Opus One wooden case.



Wines are organized by regions, and that makes the best sense to me.



While most wines are stored in room temperature, few are in refrigerator. I think that the wines were stored too low temperature, but I understand that many people want their white wines to be very cold.



The store focuses more on wines, but they still have good selection of spirits that many people would notice. They have very little sake. It was Columbus day when I went to the store. They had about five workers there. One of the workers that helped me was very knowledgeable about wines and spirits. He was able to answer many of my questions and he was able to explain many of the wines that they sell there. He said that customers were very diverse, but mostly mid twenties to mid thirties and he also said that he sells California wines the most.

I also visited Astoria Wine & Spirits. When I visited, there was a salesperson from

wine vendor and he was doing wine tasting. The employees of the store told me that they usually have wine tasting on Friday and Saturday.



I enjoyed shopping here because all of the wine racks were made with woods and it gives nice and warm feelings. Most wines were horizontally stored except for the few bottles that were standing straight for presentation purposes.



Higher quality wines were stored upper shelf. Wines were organized by neither region nor grape variety. The worker did not know the answer either. They have very little sakes and spirits.