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## [Donato Enoteca, Redwood City](#)

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Finally, finally, finally the Peninsula is getting back a good, high-quality Italian restaurant! Ever since Donato Scotti, former chef of La Strada in Palo Alto, left to start his own venture, Donato Enoteca, we've been left waiting for it to open. And finally, tonight's the night!

Donato is an excellent chef, a business partner for my parallel venture, [Global Epicurean](#) (watch out for a few trips to Donato's native [Lombardia](#) in the Spring of 2010!), and also and foremost a friend whose kinness for good and hearty Italian foods got us to go along from the get-go! That said, I might be biased in my review, but you will soon see reviews appearing in Chow and

many other Bay Area's blogs soon! The menu is a mix of northern Italian dishes, with the addition of a wood-burning pizza oven that promises to be a delight!

While tonight was the official opening of the spacious Redwood City location of Donato Enoteca, on Friday night there was a friend and press preview and mixer- a wonderful evening with lots of people, a lot of Italian speaking, and delicious food and drinks! I can't wait to try the full menu, meanwhile just a few amuse-bouche. Above, ravioli with fresh asparagus filling. Below, Risotto al Nero di Seppia (seafood risotto with squid ink).



Delicious Agnolotti da Plin (my favorites!):



...and the man himself!



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