

Long Island: I was on Long Island again for Alice's Ag Forum meeting, which featured Dr. Wayne Wilcox (Cornell) and Dr. Wendy McFadden-Smith (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), two of our best grape pathologists who talked about botrytis and sour rot. With the smell of VA still fresh from 2011, it is necessary to seek strategies to avoid the late season rot problems that troubled so many vineyards. Dr. Tim Martinson, state viticulture extension coordinator at Cornell gave a terrific presentation on work he is doing on the affects of nitrogen on yeast assimilable nitrogen and fermentation quality, and severity of botrytis. Much of this material will be presented at the Finger Lakes grower convention and Wine Industry Workshop in March. My [NOTES FROM LONG ISLAND](#) includes a summary of their talks, as well as a day of vineyard visits hosted by Alice and Libby, a visit to Shinn Estate Vineyard, and conversations about sustainable viticulture should be interesting to any wine growers in the Northeast who suffered through Irene and Lee.