

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

Next Meeting: April 24, 2019
Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Time: 7:00 PM
Wine Glasses: 3
Topic: Growing & Making Great Zins
Speaker: J.Rickards - Owner J. Rickards Winery



Our featured speaker for the April 24th meeting is Jim Rickards, the owner and winemaker for J. Rickards Vineyard and Winery, a family-operated grape farming and wine production business, located at the northern end of the Alexander Valley. At the urging of friends, Jim and his wife, started the winery started in 2005. He had been making small lots of hand-crafted wines like many of us since 1991. Their first offering was about 150 cases from the 2004 and 2005 vintages, and production has grown to close to 5000 cases. Their 60 acres vineyards have been planted over the past 30 years, and includes blocks of Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petite Verdot, and a block of Zinfandel vines planted in 1908.

Jim will talk briefly about his long term interest in winemaking, how he got started in an old barn, and how he and his wife built up their winery from an its unpretentious beginnings to its present day acclaim. One of the topics he said he'd like to address is the challenge of growing and making an exceptional Zinfandel.

Laura Pelleriti, Genco Secretary