

GENCO Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: May 23, 2018
Place: Good Shepherd
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 3



May Meeting Notice

We've invited Fred Scherrer to be our guest speaker. Fred is the owner and winemaker at Scherrer Winery in Sebastopol. After graduating from the UC Davis Enology Department, he worked for several local wineries. Most notably, he was the winemaker at Dehlinger Winery, and was instrumental in making their highly acclaimed Pinot noirs, before striking out on his own in 1998.

He opened his small winery in a nondescript warehouse of the beaten path. Fred first became known for his well-crafted Zinfandel from his father's Alexander Valley vineyard. His subtle and nuanced touch with Pinot Noir from the Russian River and Sonoma County has gained him much attention and a steady following. He applies that same subtle and nuanced approach and restraint to in his Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Grenache and Rosé. His wines are sold primarily through a mailing list, and during barrel tastings and limited retail sales. Tasting is by appointment. By all accounts, his wines are quite approachable and amazingly drinkable; they have depth, complexity, varietal character, and balance. Some would say-- a bit of 'old world' but with an emphasis on the unique expression of Sonoma County grapes.

Fred Scherrer is a modest, thoughtful, grounded, and practical vintner. He is enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who loves talking about wine and explaining various aspects of winemaking. Furthermore, he is well regarded among the region's winemakers.

Fred will be discussing his approach to winemaking, and what he considers to be key considerations for his winemaking style, and to offer tips for amateur winemakers to improve their wines.

Fred will bring some wines to sample. He thought it might be interesting and instructive to try some of his wines that presented some real wine-making challenges, but ultimately turned out to be very nice wines.

Steve Nurse, GENCO Secretary

Please bring 3 glasses to this meeting