



GENCO GAZETTE

May 2024

GENCO MEETS ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

MAY 22, 2024: AN INTRODUCTION TO RED WINEMAKING: PART 2

Good Shepherd Church

1402 University St. Healdsburg – downstairs in Gruenhagen Hall

JUNE 29, 2024: PICNIC (NO JUNE MEETING)

APRIL MEETING:

PERRI JAYE VINEYARDS

Perri shared her unique story of making wine from her own grapes nearly 20 years after buying property planted with premium Pinot noir. It took her a while to realize her dream. She credits classed at SRJC and GENCO for encouraging her and giving her the needed experience. We then tasted her Rosé of Pinot Noir & Pinot Noir. Thanks to Peggy Dunphy and Lynn Wilshire for stepping up and providing so many tasty treats for our social hour following the meeting.



MAY 22, 2024:

AN INTRODUCTION TO RED WINE MAKING: PART 2

I plan to finish introduction to red wine-making (there will be a quiz – in July) the typical growth curve of yeast during fermentation as sugar is consumed to dryness, and how to determine when something is amiss

- ✿ tips on selecting yeast
- ✿ how ignoring the yeast’s nutritional needs can end badly!
- ✿ how to develop a workable nutritional plan that will keep your yeast happy
- ✿ what to use, how much, and when to add it! It’s not that hard
- ✿ fermenting containers
- ✿ how fermentation temperature can profoundly affect outcome
- ✿ the point of punch downs, and how often you should do it
- ✿ aeration, how it improves wine palatability (fruitier and less tannic), and helps you avoid some thorny issues
- ✿ how tannins can improve outcome
- ✿ knowing when fermentation is done
- ✿ how to proceed when fermentation is done (pressing, settling, and racking)
- ✿ importance of MLC, what it involves, how do you know when it’s done
- ✿ post-MLC sulfiting
- ✿ good wine-making practices
- ✿ compelling reasons to adjust pH
- ✿ targeting minimum F-SO2 levels
- ✿ maturation: clarification, stabilization, fining, sensory improvements, minimal aging time, cold stabilization, and bottling

Bruce Hagen: Director of Education

1 GLASS MEETING

RSVP to Mary Lou by May 19!

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GENCO Wine Competition Awards Night Saturday May 18, 2023

37 Members
107 Wines
17 Double Golds
18 Golds
57 Silvers
14 Bronzes



Thanks to team GENCO
George & Mary Lou
Linda & Bruce
Cathleen & Ivan
Sheila & Rosie
Gary & Kevin

