



# GENCO GAZETTE

July 2022

**GENCO MEETS ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
JULY 27 MEETING: GENCO WINEMAKERS SNEAK PREVIEW!**

Good Shepherd Church  
1402 University St. Healdsburg – downstairs in Gruenhagen Hall

**AUGUST 24 MEETING: TBD**

**SEPTEMBER 10: HARVEST FAIR AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION**

## JUNE MEETING: WINES OF ITALY

Dave Schaffer led us on a wine journey through Italy with a tasting of 7 Italian wines from 6 of the 20 wine regions. Great turnout, great wines, great meeting. We ended the evening with a social time with wines and Italian appetizers.

## SUMMER PICNIC

The summer picnic was a big success. Many thanks to Tom and Halina Hodges for welcoming us to take over their lovely back yard for a huge GENCO crowd. Lots of good food, wine, and conversation. What a great chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, another fun filled GENCO evening!



## SONOMA COUNTY HARVEST FAIR AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION

The Sonoma County Harvest Fair has re-established the Amateur Wine Competition with the official support of GENCO. We are pleased and excited to be a partner in bringing back one of the most popular amateur wine competitions in the region. The competition will be held on **Saturday, September 10, 2022**.

Although GENCO will be managing this competition, it **DOES NOT** replace our members-only competition in the spring. We plan to hold our own next event in April, 2023. Many of our members entered both contests in past years, and we expect that practice to continue. So get your wines ready to enter. The Fair will be posting its entry forms on its website as soon as next week.

We'll also be looking for volunteers to work at the competition, pouring wines for the judges and doing other support tasks. Cathleen and Ivan Lukrich will be heading up the backroom and Cathleen will be signing up volunteers beginning with the July 27th meeting. Our participation in this event will increase GENCO's exposure in the wine community--and it will be a lot of fun, too!

## JULY 27 MEETING: 7:00 PM SNEAK PREVIEW

Show us what you've got! Wine, that is. It's time to unveil some of the wines you've worked on so hard. So, for July's meeting, we're inviting members to bring one or two of their recently bottled wines for others to sample. If you've recently bottled a white, rosé, or red that you'd like some feed-back on—here's your chance. There's got to be a boat-load of refreshing rosés, crisp sauvignon blancs, classic chardonnays, some great fruit-driven or big, gutsy reds from the 2020 and 2021 vintage. Maybe you've got a wine with smoke taint, or even something that went off the rails, so to speak, that would be informative. I'm sure there are some extraordinary wines from the previous two harvests waiting to be enjoyed. Let us know if you've got something you would like to showcase at the next meeting, we'll get you and your wine in the line-up. You'll need to provide 2 bottles of each, so everyone can enjoy your wine. What I'm thinking is that each presenter will introduce his/her wine and briefly offer some details about the wine and then we'll taste it. At that point, we'll invite comments and deal with questions. I think we can do about 12 wines. I will be gone for most of July but should be back in time for the meeting. So, please email Dave Schaffer ([schaffer@sonic.net](mailto:schaffer@sonic.net)) to talk about participating.

Bruce Hagen  
Dave Schaffer

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