



# GENCO GAZETTE

August 2022

**GENCO MEETS ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**August 24 MEETING: SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WINES!**  
 Good Shepherd Church  
 1402 University St. Healdsburg – downstairs in Gruenhagen Hall  
**SEPTEMBER 10: HARVEST FAIR AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION**  
**SEPTEMBER 26: MEETING: PART II KNOW YOUR RED WINES!**

## JULY MEETING: GENCO GUEST WINEMAKERS

We had nearly a full house to hear from some of GENCO's senior winemakers. Nine members stepped up to the plate and offered comments about how they made their wine(s), while attendees sampled them.

One presenter talked about some things that had gone amiss, yet the wine turned out pretty good. We also heard a story about how a wine that had to be abandoned at the start of fermentation due to a wildfire, essentially 'made itself' and turned out quite well. From their comments it was obvious that everyone had his own way of doing things, underscoring the fact that there is not one way to make good wine. Members heard a lot about winemaking styles and methods while enjoying some very nice wines.

Afterwards, members caught up with each other, sampled a few more wines, and enjoyed some savory appetizers.

Thanks to our presenters!

- ✿ Kevin Holloway
- ✿ Bruce Hagen
- ✿ Blaine Hunt
- ✿ Quinn Donovan
- ✿ Dave Schaffer
- ✿ Rod Larrick
- ✿ George Mareck
- ✿ Werner Siegert
- ✿ Tom Jebeb



## AUGUST 24 MEETING: 7:00 PM SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WINES!

Part 1 of knowing your red wines. We will focus on the lighter style red wines, e.g. Pinot Noir, Grenache, Nebbiolo, Gamay.

The wines will be poured blind with descriptive notes for each of the varietals. There will be prizes for those getting all the answers right.

We will be pre-pouring 6 glasses per person for this tasting, so will need to know how many will be in attendance. – *Bruce Hagen*

**RSVP by August 17** so we know how many bottles to purchase, how much paperwork to print, how many glasses we will need, and how much food to have for social hour.

LHagen1@comcast.net



## 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, Sept. 10, 2022 with half day set-up on Sept. 9.**

Although GENCO will be managing this competition, it **DOES NOT** replace our members-only competition in the spring. We plan to hold our own event in April, 2023. Many of our members entered both contests in past years, and we expect that practice to continue.

Enter your paperwork for your wines by the deadline of **August 19** at <http://harvestfair.org/amateur-wine/>

Deliver your wines to the Fairgrounds the week of **August 22-26.**

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. Our participation in this event will increase GENCO's exposure in the wine community--and it will be a lot of fun, too! Tickets to the **Grand Tasting on October 15** will be provided to volunteers.