



GENCO GAZETTE

June 2021

JUNE MEETING: WEDNESDAY JUNE 23RD – VIA ZOOM
DEVELOPING YOUR HOME WINERY: GARY ALVEY
SONOMA COUNTY WINE LIBRARIAN: MEGAN JONES
GENCO PICNIC: SATURDAY JUNE 26TH – LIVE AND IN PERSON!!!
JULY MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28TH – VINEYARD TOUR
SINCLAIR RANCH VINEYARD TOUR AND TASTING
AUGUST MEETING: WEDNESDAY 25TH – BARBERA
TOM (THE BARBERAIAN) JEREB WILL DISCUSS BARBERA

MAY 26, 2021 RIDEAU VINEYARD

Our guest speaker was Adrienne Rule, the winemaker at Rideau Vineyards in the Santa Ynez Valley. Members enjoyed the zoom meeting with a selection of 6 samples of Rhône wines from Rideau Winery. Adrienne discussed each wine as we tasted through the flight and gave us insight into her winery practices and winemaking philosophy.



JUNE 23, 2021 – 7:00PM – VIA ZOOM

WINE LIBRARIAN: MEGAN JONES

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEVELOPING YOUR HOME WINERY: GARY ALVEY

I've been asked by new members on more than one occasion who are new to winemaking "What should I buy, borrow, or rent?" Initially, renting or borrowing make sense. However, later I believe renting becomes an inconvenience. There are several factors that will guide you to what you perceive as your equipment needs. Recommendations from others' experiences are often the case but may not fit your situation. As you'll find, once you begin making wine, needs are similar but can be very different. When you're deciding what you would like to buy, think of your winemaking future. Will you increase your volume? Will you make white, red, or both?

Over the past 17 years of winemaking, my experience has shown me that my decisions were generally based on the criteria I'll be discussing during my presentation. How do you develop a wine/viticulture library? Every member's winemaking knowledge base is dependent on their experiences and educational background. Have you grown grapes? Have you made wine? Taken viticulture, enology, chemistry, biology, microbiology classes? Gary will also discuss developing your personal winemaking/viticulture library. Megan Jones will talk about the benefits of and how to utilize the Sonoma County Wine library.

