

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

Next Meeting: “ THURSDAY” March 28, 2019
Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Time: 7:00 PM
Wine Glasses: 2



Rosés have increased in popularity in the last few years and for good reason; they're versatile, festive, relatively simple, fruit forward, aromatic, fresh and crisp-thoroughly delightful. While this style has been made in France, Spain, and Italy for more than 30 years. It has taken some time Americans to take some interest in them. If you hadn't noticed, the rosés from Provence, and elsewhere have been a featured item in many commercial outlets, and sales have been off the charts in the last few years, and for good reason. The French are noted for rosés that are fruit forward, perfumed, balanced, and elegant. Something that many of us craft-winemakers aspire to. Unless you didn't like rosé wine back then, I'm sure you remember the blush wines, made popular by Sutter Home winery - their white zinfandel - an insipid and cloyingly sweet wine. Actually, many people loved it! I still remember the imported rosés of that period like Mateus or Lancers made in Portugal for the American market. We've come a long way.

At the last GENCO wine competition, nine rosés were entered. I think there will be more this year. So, there is interest in the group to make rosés. I thought for the March meeting, I'd do a quick overview of the basic steps in making a pink wine - how hard can it be? After that I want to have an open discussion to hear from those of you who've made one or more rosés, to learn from your experiences and insights.

I'm asking for everyone who's made a rosé recently, to bring it for tasting. We'll do that on an informal basis. We'll need 2 bottles of each wine. You'll only need a glass or two and you'll pour your own tastes. Because wine is intended to accompany food, we'll provide some appetizers. If you would like to bring some 'finger-food' that would be encouraged. If you have any questions, give me a call.

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