



GENCO GAZETTE

October 2022

GENCO MEETS ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER 26 MEETING: WINES OF PORTUGAL
 Good Shepherd Church
 1402 University St. Healdsburg – downstairs in Gruenhagen Hall
NOVEMBER 16 MEETING: TBD One week early

SONOMA COUNTY HARVEST FAIR AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION

Thanks to all the GENCO members that helped with our first ever collaboration with the Harvest Fair in running the Amateur Wine Competition.

Congratulations to Kevin Holloway for his Sweepstakes Sparkling wine!

- ✿ 320 wines entered
- ✿ 95 wines by GENCO members
- ✿ 17 BEST OF CLASS
- ✿ 16 DOUBLE GOLD
- ✿ 65 GOLD
- ✿ 157 SILVER
- ✿ 40 BRONZE
- ✿ 7 panels
- ✿ 21 judges
- ✿ 21 backroom staff
- ✿ Mary Lou Marek – Head
- ✿ Cathleen Lukrich – Back room
- ✿ Ivan Lukrich - Back room
- ✿ Steve Hade – Judge
- ✿ Quinn Donovan – Judge
- ✿ Bruce Hagen – Judge
- ✿ Linda Hagen – Judge
- ✿ George Marek – Back-up judge
- ✿ Rod Larrick – Judge

BACK ROOM GENCO VOLUNTEERS

- ✿ Gary Alvey ✿ Dave Schaffer
- ✿ Rose Feeney ✿ Halina Hodges
- ✿ Joan Griffen ✿ Peggy Dunphy
- ✿ Alberto Leal ✿ Kurt Dunphy
- ✿ Tom Jereb ✿ Sheila de Long
- ✿ Blaine Hunt ✿ Lynn Wilshire
- ✿ Rick Auld ✿ Kevin Holloway
- ✿ Barry Morris ✿ Kevin Mc Cann

GUEST VOLUNTEERS

- ✿ Annabelle Bentley
- ✿ Vicki Michelczyk

OCTOBER 26 MEETING –7:00PM WINES OF THE DOURO RIVER

On the coast of Portugal, the Douro River enters the Atlantic through the city of Porto, know best for production of the famed fortified wine known at Port. Upstream of Porto, lies the Douro Valley described by Hugh Johnson in his World Atlas of Wine as "...the world's most spectacular wine growing region" for its "vertiginous dry slopes" lining the river with grape vines, the only cultivated plant that could survive there. For 300 years, the vines of the Douro Valley have been dedicated primarily to the production of Port, but in the last 40 years there has been a shift to unfortified table wines of very high quality which now make up about half of production.

The Rio Douro is not limited to Portugal however, and continues across the border of Spain where it is known as the Ribera del Duero. The headwaters of the river descend from a higher elevation region north of Madrid adjacent to the classic Rioja region, and high-quality red wines from this Ribera del Duero DOC are challenging Rioja for recognition.



We will recount the adventures of 10 intrepid GENCO members and their tasting experiences on this river last July, with an opportunity to taste and compare the wines of the river from both Portugal and Spain, and conclude with a taste of some classic Port wines for "dessert". – Chuck Wilson

RSVP by October 19

3 GLASS MEETING

Limited to first 40 members

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SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING: RED WINES PART II

We focused on the heavier style red wines for this tasting and I think members had been "studying" as the results were much improved.

- ✿ Petite Sirah ✿ Malbec ✿ Mourvèdre
- ✿ Cabernet Sauvignon ✿ Tempranillo ✿ Syrah

There were prizes for those getting most of the varietals correct. Light appetizers and social time finished up the evening.