



GENCO GAZETTE

August 2020

AUGUST MEETING: WEDNESDAY 26TH – WINES OF SPAIN

SEPTEMBER MEETING: WEDNESDAY 23RD – TAILGATE PARTY

CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 12TH – FINGERS CROSSED

Membership Extension: 2020 membership will be extended into 2021 due to postponement of meetings and activities due to coronavirus “shelter in place” protocols. Board terms also will extend through 2021.

July 22nd Zoom meeting recap: GENCO home winery set-up

Bruce Hagen gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Setting up a home winery*. Participants got to see inside the facilities of 14 GENCO winemakers. The object was to see where members were making their wine, how they organized the space, where they stored their equipment, supplies, etc. We also got to see where and how they process grapes, ferment them, control temperature, store/age their wine. Having so many members send images made this presentation more relevant and interesting. For those who missed the meeting, a PDF of the presentation is available on the GENCO website.

GENCO Board Meeting, July 9, 2020, 5 pm via Zoom

ATTENDANCE: Mary Lou & George Marek, Steve Nurse, Tom Hodges, Bruce & Linda Hagen, Gary Alvey, Sheila DeLong, Cathleen Lukrich, Dave Schaffer; Joan Griffin. Minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Cathleen reviewed the report: 6 members renewed; additional \$14.99 monthly for Zoom. Overall, a “healthy” balance sheet. Status of insurance rebates, since meetings have been cancelled due to covid-19: Waiting for a liquor liability rebate of \$350. The general liability rebate was initially denied; Mary Lou has asked the agent for a “re-evaluation” and will fight for this rebate.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 23: George suggested an afternoon “tailgate” party in the church parking lot, with social distancing. Logistics to be worked out.

October 28: Via Zoom *Burgundy vs. Russian River* led by George & Mary Lou.

December 12: Holiday Party: Decision to keep the date until “all hope dies.”

FUTURE GENCO MEETINGS: Church reopening? – discussion held on resuming regular meetings. Board consensus is that face-to-face format is still not safe. We will re-evaluate as the situation changes.

HOW TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP ENGAGED DURING COVID TIMES?

- ✿ We must keep communicating with members, creating interesting programs.
- ✿ Bruce asks that Board members look for articles, etc. to send to members.
- ✿ Gary will put GENCO Gazette at the Beverage People.
- ✿ Joan suggests a “Help Line” for members (via Facebook and email) for easy exchange of info, equipment sharing, etc. George volunteered to follow up.
- ✿ Suggestion made to approach the Press Democrat for a feature article on GENCO and home winemaking-- perhaps pitch the subject of “home wine-making cellars”; Mary Lou to follow up with her contact at the PD.
- ✿ Suggestion for future speaker: Andrew McPherson, Latent Winery.
- ✿ Zoom meeting with a focus on vineyards led by George Marek.

NEXT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 8TH. Via Zoom?

Stay tuned! Recorded by, Joan Griffin, Secretary

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August 26th meeting: ZOOM @ 2:45 pm – WINES OF SPAIN

GENCO member Dave Schaffer will present a Wines of Spain tour with 6 different Spanish wines. Slides and videos will provide a virtual auto trip through northern Spain to 6 different regions.



In case you have interest in purchasing 1 or more of the Spanish wines that we will be tasting, they are available at Bottle Barn and on wines.com.

- ✿ La Caña – Albariño – Rias Baixas - \$14.99
- ✿ Louro – Godello and Treixadura – Valdeorras - \$17.99
- ✿ Marqués D Irún – Verdejo – Rueda - \$11.49
- ✿ Marqués de Cáceres – Tempranillo – Rioja - \$16.99
- ✿ Tres Picos – Garnacha – Campo de Borja - \$14.49
- ✿ Les Terrasses – Garnacha and Cariñena – Priorat - \$35.99

With Covid-19 affecting Spain more than most Countries, wine tourism there has been at a standstill. Don’t miss out on our virtual tour of Northern Spain – you can’t experience it any other way right now. – Dave Schaffer

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