



# GENCO GAZETTE

September 2020

**SEPTEMBER MEETING: WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
HARVEST CHALLENGES**

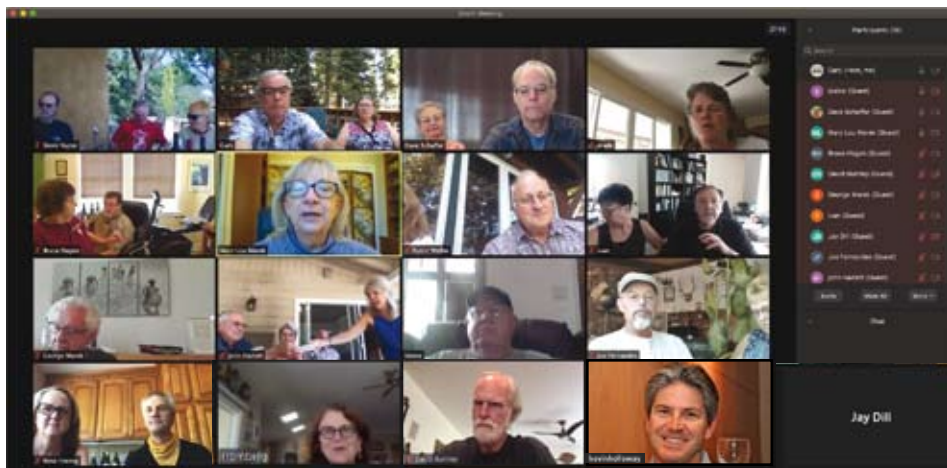
**OCTOBER MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
BURGUNDY VS. RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY?????: DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**



## August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting: ZOOM @ 2:45 pm – WINES OF SPAIN

GENCO member Dave Schaffer presented a Wines of Spain tour with 6 different Spanish wines. A fantastic video provided a virtual trip through northern Spain to 6 different regions. 32 people logged on with several groups logging in together, sharing wines and tapas. Thanks for the great presentation!



❁ Dave... you had to put in so many hours in preparation for today. It was superb! The wines were delicious and it was fun enjoying wines I personally don't have a lot of experience with, great selection! Videos and PPT were very informative and fun! *Gary Alvey*

❁ I second this. Dave, this was an amazing meeting. I loved how you integrated the videos, your personal experiences, and other instructive elements into your presentation. *Mary Lou Marek*

❁ Wonderful job Dave! It got us juiced up for our Duoro Portugal and Spain trip in 2022! *Cathleen Lukrich*

## September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting: ZOOM @ 6:45 pm – HARVEST

No doubt, many of you will have already harvested grapes and are now managing one or more fermentations, and preparing for what lies ahead. So, I thought it would be helpful to discuss the current harvest, and how our winemaking is progressing. The recent fires and pervasive smoke have presented some real challenges, particularly for making red wine. Some of us, fearing the prospect of making smoke-tainted wine, may have decided to sit this one out. How many of you opted to make rosé instead? Who has or soon will be making a red? Where did you/or will you get your grapes, and were the smoke levels there reasonably low? If you made a white, was it your first time, and what were the results? Did anyone buy new equipment, and how did it work for you? If this was your first harvest, how did it go? Did anyone try new varieties?

We can also talk about winemaking issues, like watering-back, adjusting acidity, cold-soaking, natural fermentations, MLF, preferred yeast or ML culture, clarifying white juice, etc. This will be an opportunity to catch up with other members, share thoughts and experiences, seek input, or just commiserate with everyone else.

❁ Barrel steaming cancelled due to evacuation zone protocol. May be able to reschedule at a later date.

❁ GENCO Harvest Help Desk getting good member participation, big discussion on how to deal with ash and smoke taint on grapes.

**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.**