

As the CAA has postponed all in-person activities, many of our regional clubs and shared interest groups are looking for virtual programming. One of the things we have been hearing is that groups like yours would like to do virtual wine tastings led by an expert. The CAA Wine Industry Network (CAA-WIN) has a worldwide collective of winemakers and others in the Wine Industry. Many of them have offered to host virtual tastings for Columbia Alumni. There is no charge for their service and no obligation to purchase their wines. These tastings would be called: *ABCs of Wine Tasting*. The winemaker will recommend either four or six common varietals everyone can find locally—understanding that what people can find locally will differ.

Once we pair you with a CAA-WIN winemaker, you would arrange the time/date. In exchange for guiding the tasting, the club or SIG would post the winemaker's photo, bio and link to their winery to learn more about your alum winemaker. This would allow all of the alumni in the area or group to have information about the program even if they do not participate in the tasting.

We anticipate 10-20 of these virtual tastings occurring over the next 6-8 weeks. If you are interested in participating please contact caaalumnirelations@columbia.edu so we can pair your group with a Columbia winemaker.