The Ghvino Forum was initiated in 2018 by the America Georgia Business Council to advance the understanding of the origin of vine and wine culture, and to explore the intersection of wine, society, and geopolitics in Georgia and beyond.

Another objective was to demonstrate that Georgia not only has the oldest wine history, but it also has a very dynamic wine industry with a great diversity of native grape varietals and different wine-making techniques, including the traditional qvevri method of natural wine-making.

Activities Include:

**SUNDAY, OCT 27**
Saperavi & Qvevri Wine Festival
Legal Sea Foods Park Square
26 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116
2:00 PM-5:00 PM
buy tickets [at Eventbrite](#)

**MONDAY, OCT 28**
Conference
Qvevri Symposium
Harvard Faculty Club
20 Quincy street, Cambridge , MA 02138
9:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Register for free on Eventbrite

**TUESDAY, OCT 29**
Trade Tasting & Seminar
City Winery Boston
80 Beverly Street ,Boston, MA 02114
11 AM - 12 PM - Seminar
12 PM - 3 PM - Tasting
Please RSVP to [WINERY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WINERY@GMAIL.COM)

For more information and registration please visit our webpage: [Ghvinoforum.com](http://Ghvinoforum.com)

*Ghvino or ღვინო, a Georgian word for wine, is widely thought to be the origin of the term*
CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM WELCOME BY:
Mamuka Tsereteli, President, America-Georgia Business Council
H.E. Ambassador David Bakradze, Ambassador of Georgia to the US

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM 1ST PANEL
EIGHT MILLENNIA HISTORY OF GEORGIA IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT OF WINE

Georgian Wine Industry Today
Levan Mekhuzla, Chairman, National Wine Agency, Georgia

Georgia: Cradle of Viniculture
Patrick McGovern, University of Pennsylvania

Georgia and Global Wine Markets: Past and Prospective
Kym Anderson, University of Adelaide

Understanding Georgian Wines and Terroirs
Lisa Granik, Master of Wine
Moderated by Alexandra M. Vacroux, Davis Center, Harvard University

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM 2ND PANEL
VINES OF GEORGIA: ARCHAEOLOGY, BOTANY, GENETICS

Multidisciplinary Research Project for the "Study of Georgian Grapes and Wine Culture"
David Magradze, National Wine Agency, Georgia

Archaeology of the diversity of cultivated grape in Georgia
Laurent Bouby, University of Montpellier

The exceptional diversity of Georgia grapes: Tannin variation amplitude confirms DNA data and is promising for other quality traits
Roberto Bacilieri, INRA Montpellier

Is Georgia home of cultivated grape?
Malli Aradhye, USDA-ARS/UC Davis, USA
Moderated by Tina Kezeli, President, Wine Association of Georgia

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM COFFEE BREAK

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM TRADITIONAL QVEVRI WINEMAKING METHOD IN GEORGIA
Special Presentation by Winemaker Gogi Dakishvili
Moderated by Lasha Tsatava, WSET Diploma Candidate

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
BOSTON – EMERGING MARKET FOR GEORGIAN WINES
Toni De Luca, Julio’s Liquors
Jeff Slavin, Hangtime Wholesale Wine Company
Adam Centamore, Writer
Noel Brockett, Georgian Wine House
Kosta Chernikov, Georgian Toast
Julie Peterson, Marq Wine Group
Moderated by Erika Frey, Wine Buyer, Winestone/CS, CWE, Diploma WSET

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CONCLUDING RECEPTION

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