

## **“Spend Cinco de Mayo with the Winemaker”**



**Nancy Irelan  
Red Tail Ridge Winery  
Finger Lakes, New York  
Tuesday, May 5,  
5:30 – 7:30**

Dr. Nancy Irelan is co-owner of Red Tail Ridge Winery and Rogue Vineyards, located on Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes region of New York. She spent 12 years with Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery in Modesto, CA where she was vice president of enology and viticulture technology, senior director and director of life sciences, research leader for genetics, and senior research scientist for technology.

She is affiliated with 11 industry organizations, including the National Grape and Wine Initiative; the Viticulture Consortium, American Viticulture and Enology Research Network; and the Australian Society of Viticulture and Enology. She also holds three patents and has co-published seven scientific research papers related to the wine industry.

Dr. Irelan is the owner of The Answer Grape, a technical consulting company and serves as an adjunct professor in the department of Food Science & Technology at Cornell University's New York Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, N.Y.

She came to the East Coast in January of 2006, to start a new life with her husband at the Red Tail Ridge Winery. If you visit their website, [www.redtailridgewinery.com](http://www.redtailridgewinery.com) you will see that their extended family includes three dogs – Fred, Scooter and Shazzam. When she isn't working or promoting their wines, she attends grid and K9 training with Shazzam.