Create your own Zoom Meeting and gather friends, family, colleagues, or clients to attend the Launch Party for *A Virtual Evening of Wine & Science* on Friday, September 18, 2020 @ 5:30pm. You can gather before or after the Launch Party. Not sure which is right for you? Here’s a breakdown on what each could look like:

**PRE ZOOM PARTY**
- **BUSY IN THE EVENING?**
  If you’re free earlier in the evening, but not later, a Pre-Zoom Party is best for you. Your Watch Party would start around 5:00pm or earlier depending on how much time you want to mingle.
- **CATCH UP AND MINGLE**
  A Pre-Zoom Party is perfect for social butterflies or anyone who wants to catch up with friends. Think of it more as a cocktail hour, the social hour before the main event.
- **BREAK-AWAY IN TIME FOR THE LAUNCH PARTY**
  Not sure how to end your watch party? You don’t have to worry with the Pre-Zoom Party option. You’ll have an automatic end time since the Launch Party starts at 5:30pm.

**POST ZOOM PARTY**
- **TIME CRUNCH?**
  If hosting a watch party before the Launch Party makes you nervous due to time restraints, a Post-Zoom Party is best for you. Your Watch Party would start 6:00pm or later, depending on your availability and can go as late as you want.
- **WATCH WINE TASTINGS TOGETHER**
  Did you and your friends buy wine? Having your watch party after the Launch Party means you can share your screen and watch the virtual wine tastings together. Afterwards, continue exploring the rest of the Wine & Science Showcase by watching videos, viewing infographics, and playing trivia.

**VIRTUAL PARTY TIPS**
If you’re a pro at Zoom, great! If you need some help, here’s how to [Create a Zoom Meeting](#) with your personal account and [Invite Guests](#). Pro or not, below are some tips to spice up your virtual party and make sure even your “zoom fatigued” guests are excited to attend:

- **VIRTUAL BACKGROUND**
  Information on how to set up your background can be [found here](#), including resources on where to find the best background, or better yet, create your own! You can turn any image into your Zoom background. Encourage your guests to do the same and see what everyone comes up for the party.
- **PLAY GAMES**
  Did you know Zoom Meeting has a [whiteboard function](#)? We can’t think of a better way to use it other than a game of Pictionary! Bonus points for drawing science and wine-related words.

Need help imagining your watch party? Email us at development@pnri.org or call us at (206) 338-6168.