



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: April 26 - Monday
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 7:00 PM

MARCH SUMMARY – ZINFANDEL: AN EXPRESSION OF TERROIR & STYLE

Carol Shelton, Owner/Winemaker, Carol Shelton Wines

What a good meeting. Carol talked from beginning to end about her insights in making Zinfandel and her experience was evident. Zin grapes from different terroirs and each handled in a unique style yield very different wines. Carol shared three different Zins and each had pleasant but different characteristics. The meeting was both fun and informative, thanks Carol.



APRIL MEETING – GRAPEVINE SELECTION AND PLANTING

Jay Jensen, CEO/Owner, Nova Vines

What better time of year to learn about planting vines, selecting rootstock and clones, grafting, and much more. Jay knows all about it. Nova Vines is the only vine producer in the North Bay and they are noted for quality. You will learn about the characteristics of different rootstocks and clones. Whether you are thinking about planting, perhaps grafting to a new variety, or just want to understand this important part of grape growing, this meeting is sure to be interesting. We will conclude the meeting with a judging of member Cabernet Sauvignon wine. Bring two bottles of each and be judged by your peers. Depending on the attendance, if we only need one you will take the other home. FYI, Emilio will speak to us in June.

COOL CAT

COMPETITIONS -- They are all upon us. Marin, Sonoma-Marin, Orange County and the State Fair are coming up in May so get your wines entered. They are all good with good feedback. The largest are the State Fair and Orange County but the other two are good competitions as well. If you miss these you will have to wait for our Harvest Fair in September. For most you can deliver to Beverage People for submission.

CORK ORDER – It is time to place our order. The last few years we have been buying high quality Scott Labs UFB quality corks. In prior years we had often bought UFB-1, the next quality lower. The UFB-1 is every bit as effective, just not quite so perfect looking. You will have your choice and I will have samples of each at the meeting. The difference in price is only about 4 to 5 cents each but with a lot of wine it makes a difference. I just bought some UFB-1 and find them very satisfactory.

HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC, GROEZINGER ESTATE, NAPA VALLEY

Home winemakers classic with 50 home winemakers pouring. I attended last year and it was fun. It is in July but the deadline for signing up is May 7. No fee, just 3 bottles of wine for their auction. Come to the meeting or contact me for details.

PICK OF THE VINE – Thanks to those who attended. I think you'll all agree it was a fine event with lots of good food, wine, music and auction items.

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