



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Monday - April 25, 2011

Place: Healdsburg Library

Time: 6:30 PM

MARCH SUMMARY - GENCO - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

It was time to take a look at GENCO and discuss how it started and progressed to what it is today. Bob discussed the 15 years of GENCO and how it developed. Then the gavel was passed to incoming President Steve Gower. Steve introduced the new Board of Directors and discussed what the current status is, and what is in store for our members in the foreseeable future. The prospects are to expand our wine related activities and offer greater fun for all. Thanks to all for attending and for your input. We closed out the meeting with a tasting and judging of GENCO member Zinfandels. In our usual conservative yet generous evaluation we awarded all Silvers with the lone exception of big Gold to new member Paul Musson. Way to go Paul!

APRIL MEETING - BARREL USAGE IN CRAFTING WHITE WINES

JOHN HAWLEY - OWNER/WINEMAKER, HAWLEY WINERY

John started at Preston and shortly was founding winemaker at Clos du Bois. After several years at Clos du Bois he spent several years as Chief Winemaker at Kendall-Jackson until he founded his own winery. John makes several varieties of red wine but his passion is white. He has interesting thoughts regarding the use of barrel fermentation and the character barrels bring to the white winemaking process. He will discuss these views but will happily swing into reds and other aspects of winemaking. He will pour several white wines for us and will bring a red wine for us to enjoy. Don't miss this interesting topic and this noteworthy winemaker.

BRING A GLASS TO THE MEETING OR BE PREPARED TO WASH THE GLASSES AFTERWARD (new policy!)

WINE COMPETITIONS - Go online to gencowinemakers.com. Marin, Sonoma-Marin, Orange County and State Fair 2011 competition links are there. Start sending your entries in and reap the rewards.

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 last bought some UFB-1 and find them very satisfactory.

PICK OF THE VINE - Thank you all who attended. It was a big success and I hope those who attended agree.

HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC, CHARLES KRUG WINERY, NAPA VALLEY

Home winemakers classic with 50 home winemakers pouring. I attended previously and it was fun. It is in July but the deadline for signing up is May 6. No fee, just 3 bottles of wine for their auction. Come to the meeting or contact me for details.



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