



Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: August 24, 2016 - Wednesday
Place: RECOOP BARRELS
2010 Barlow Lane, Sebastopol
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



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August Meeting topic

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE RECOOP FACILITY IN SEBASTOPOL. ReCoop has been reconditioning barrels for 30 years. Not only do they provide an affordable alternative to purchasing new barrels, it is an environmentally friendly alternative to discarding used barrels. Many wineries take advantage of this opportunity and it can be a valuable resource for home winemakers. ReCoop has a proprietary process that is effective in remanufacturing barrels.

We will tour the facility and will also have a presentation that includes a pictorial that illustrates the process. This unique activity should be interesting to all. We will then taste some wines so bring two glasses each. We ask that several of you volunteer to bring a red wine (two bottles) that has been aged in an oak barrel, new or reconditioned. If you have a wine that was aged in a ReCoop barrel, all the better. Wine that was oaked with inserts or other oak alternatives would be suitable, but should have been barrel aged.

July meeting summary - Steve Gower, CRUX Winery

Genco member since 2009, past president and now a commercial winemaker. Steve spoke about pre-harvest which is late July – August. Before netting drop any clusters that are way behind, apply your last spray as needed and net. As for water, 8 gallons per vine every 10 days to 3 weeks depending upon the heat. For re-plants, hang a gallon jug with a drip line. Many more tips were shared along with a lovely wine tasting of Steve's 2014 Viognier and 2012 Syrah.

For 2017 GENCO will have the following positions open: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary terms all end at year's end. The January 2017 meeting is our election meeting to fill the positions. If you have interest please contact the current position holders or our President. See the GENCO website for contact information.

HARVEST FAIR COMPETITION – The deadline for submitting wines to the Harvest Fair Amateur competition is August 26 at the County Fair office. Many Genco members like to submit wines to this prestigious competition; the judges are qualified and the feedback is valuable. Let us support our Harvest Fair competition by inundating them with fine Genco member wines. To enter you now can go online to www.harvestfair.org/amateur-wine and then click on the "Enter Online" button and follow the instructions.

HARVEST FAIR AMATEUR WINE DISPLAY SETUP

For many years Genco members volunteered to set up the amateur display at the fair and we have had fun doing it. It makes the display look special, unlike the ordinary display of the commercial wines. We stopped doing that a few years ago but the Harvest Fair again needs our help. The whole process takes around four hours if we have about six to eight volunteers, but if you are short of time, a couple hours would be appreciated. Our target date is Tuesday, September 27 at 9 AM. Let Bob Bennett (433-4574 or bennett9@aol.com) know if you can help. Better still, sign up at the August meeting.

GROUP WINEMAKING PROJECT –The 2015 Genco barrel of Pinot Noir will be bottled in the next week and is tasting very nice. For 2016, we will be doing a barrel of Meritage wine comprising five Bordeaux varietals. If you have not already signed up, I regret that the crew is full.

Denise Wright, GENCO Secretary