

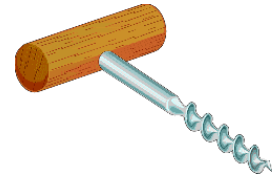


GENCO



Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: **April 29 - Wednesday**
Place: **Healdsburg Library**
Time: **7:00 PM**



MARCH MEETING SUMMARY – THE ART OF FINING - Bob Peak, The Beverage People

Bob thoroughly covered the fining of wines. There are many fining agents and he went through the fining methodology and benefits of each. He followed up the discussion with a tasting that represented one wine that had been fined with several different fining agents. My thought was that none of the fined wines were better than the unfined wine, so maybe there is something to be gained from that observation. We followed up the discussion with tasting and discussion of several member wines. It was another interesting meeting.

APRIL MEETING – TESTING, EVALUATING, AND ADJUSTING CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF WINE --- BOB BENNETT and ATTENDEES

Grapes should be in perfect balance when picked but that is often not the case. Ideally you don't want to mess with your wine in progress but unlike commercial wineries who have many lots to evaluate and blend, we usually have one only. We will discuss what is important to test, how and when we do it, and then whether and how we will choose to make adjustments to the makeup of the wine. We will also touch on the negative aspects of making adjustments. To the best of my recollection we have not focused on this subject at GENCO since 1996. Bring your red Italian varietal or blend (Sangiovese, Barbera, Nebbiolo, Trebbiano, Primitivo, Dolcetto). If you don't have one, bring a Merlot. We will judge your wine!



COMPETITIONS – May brings the largest number of amateur wine competitions. San Joaquin Fair, Marin, Sonoma-Marín, Orange County are all due in May. Many of these are excellent with good feedback. Orange County is most prestigious but Marin and Sonoma-Marín are both very good competitions. For most competitions you can arrange delivery through Beverage People for a reasonable fee. Come to the meeting for details and entry forms.

HOME WINEMAKERS CLASSIC, ST SUPERY WINERY, NAPA VALLEY

Home winemakers classic with 60 home winemakers pouring. Two of us attended last year and it was fun. It is in July but the deadline for signing up is May 1. Come to the meeting or contact me for details.

AMADOR TRIP – Weekend of May 30. Call Mike Miller 894-4141 if you are not yet scheduled to go.

PICK OF THE VINE – Thank you to those who attended. It was a fine event, I believe you will agree.

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