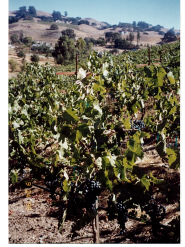




## Garage Enologists of North County



**Next Meeting:** August 17 - Monday  
**Place:** Healdsburg Library  
**Time:** 7:00 PM

### ***JUNE MEETING SUMMARY –BOTTLING, CORKS, FOILS, AND LABELS***

We didn't talk too much about corks, foils and labels but we sure covered those activities prior to bottling. We discussed final testing and adjustments, SO2 additions, fining, sparging bottles, whether we do a final racking, and more. Yes, we even touched on reusing bottles and what sources of supplies we use when Beverage People doesn't fill the bill. We closed out with tasting and discussion of several barrel samples. Members in attendance - 40.

### ***JULY MEETING - A GREAT POTLUCK PICNIC WITH MUCH WINE AND FUN!!***

Thank you Duane and Sheila for sharing your estate! A great place for a large group. Plenty of seating and plenty of shade. And thank you participants for great food and wine. We even got to play some petanque, ping pong, and ring toss for those who were more adventurous.

### ***AUGUST MEETING - TERROIR, MICRO-CLIMATES, GRAPES AND WINE***

#### ***John Bree, Owner/winemaker, Sutter Ridge Vineyards & Winery, Sutter Creek, CA***

When we visited Amador County we met John Bree at his winery, did a lot of tasting, and really enjoyed the wines. We were impressed with his knowledge and personality and John agreed to come to Sonoma County to share his thoughts with GENCO. Amador has a very different climate from Sonoma and therefore gives a different wine character and is suitable for different varieties. John will talk about those differences and also how micro-climates and terroir affect the character of the final wine. He will also share several of his wines with us and discuss their characteristics. Don't miss it!

**DUES** – We haven't asked for a contribution for 15 months. The treasury needs an infusion and this time we ask each person to donate \$15 to include a contribution to the start-up cost of developing the website. Those newbies who made their first donation this year we ask just \$5. We promise not to hit on any of you again for a year or more. Pay to play and stay on the mail list.

**COMPETITIONS** –Harvest Fair deadline August 21. Get forms at the Fair office. It is a competitive opportunity to see how your wines fare with other quality producers of GENCO and Sonoma County.

**GENCO WEBSITE** – Check it out at [www.gencowinemakers.com](http://www.gencowinemakers.com). It is an excellent presentation created under the guidance of webmaster Gary Alvey. It is a work in process. We ask every member to give it a thorough look before our September meeting. In September, in addition to the discussion yet to be determined, we will discuss the website, what you like, what you would like to change, etc. This will be your opportunity to give positive and constructive feedback. Write down your observations for discussion.

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