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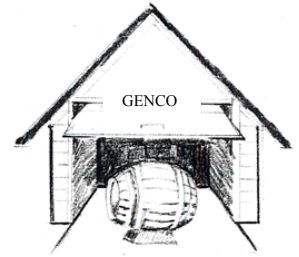
Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg Directions on the web

Time: 6:30 PM



OCTOBER SUMMARY - HARVEST/WINEMAKING 2011

This was a follow-up to the September meeting. September was a discussion of pre-harvest preparation and this meeting covered what we did and what problems we encountered. It was a lively well attended meeting that covered a broad range of activities. We finished the meeting with tasting and discussion of several GENCO member Gold Medal wines from the Harvest Fair. It was generous of so many to give up two bottles each of their best wines.

DECEMBER MEETING - DEALING WITH POST FERMENTATION PROBLEMS

Anthony Beckman , Winemaker, Balletto Vineyards & Winery

We have all had problems with wines when the fermentation is finishing. Stuck, VA, H2s, ML not finished, out of balance, and a host of other possibilities. Not that Anthony specializes in having problems, but he has good knowledge of what to look for and how to deal with problems. This will be a very useful area of winemaking we should learn more about. Anthony will pour a problem Gewurztraminer for discussion, and perhaps a non-problem wine or two as well. Don't miss this last meeting of the year.

GENCO COMPETITION - We had a very successful result for our very first GENCO wine competition. It was followed a couple weeks later with the Awards Potluck Dinner. A group of members did an incredible job of decorating the church for our event. The awards dinner was a rousing success. The judges were a little tough on our wines but awarded a good number of Gold and Silver medals.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - There are no volunteers to host the party so we will return to the Good Shepherd **December 17** for our annual Holiday get-together. It promises to be another fine conclusion to the year. **Mark your calendar** as this will be another great potluck with a very generous amount of fine amateur wine to be shared. The event notice has been sent out.

DUES - The GENCO Board voted that dues will be established on an annual basis payable in January each year. The dues for 2012 is set at \$20/family. You must be paid up to be on our membership list and participate in GENCO events. Bring cash or check to the December meeting, Christmas Party or the following meeting Feb 1 at the Healdsburg library. **Make checks payable to Mike Miller, our Treasurer.** Thanks!

GENCO BOARD ELECTIONS - The current Board members are just getting experienced with the leadership and increased activity of the club. We propose re-election for one more year. Vote next week!

OAK PURCHASE Very few expressed interest in sharing in the oak alternative purchase. If you want to get in on it call me right away as the order is about to be placed. To plan your purchase, go to stavin.com.

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