



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Wednesday - June 22, 2011
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 6:30 PM

MAY SUMMARY - RACKING, FINING, AND FILTERING - Group Discussion

We had a good turnout and discussion regarding this subject. The consensus was that there are widely varying opinions regarding these activities. Among the participants, there was a leaning toward minimal racking and avoidance of fining and filtering, but that tendency was far from universal. There was a definite tendency to fine and filter among the white wine makers. We concluded the meeting with a tasting of Sauvignon Blanc, filtered, fined and non-filtered. Preferences were widespread but leaned slightly to the non-filtered wine.

JUNE MEETING - VINE BALANCE THRU NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

Pete Sweeney - Vineyard Consultant, AG UNLIMITED, Geyserville

Whether you have a few vines or a few acres of vines, terroir is the secret to success with your grapes. Climate, soils, vine management are all important in terroir. Soils by nature are deficient in some mineral components that are vital to your plants. Pete is an expert in soil management as well as other vineyard factors and will focus on assessing the nutrition that your vines need and the way those elements affect grape quality. He will also be ready to field your questions on other aspects of managing your vineyard. If you count on your vines to create enjoyable wine, don't miss this one. We will follow the discussion with tasting of some **2010 barrel samples of Bordeaux** varietals. Bring two bottles along with your winemaker notes for discussion. **Each person should bring two glasses.**

GENCO PICNIC - Sunday, July 31 4:00 Social, 5:30 Dinner

Riverfront Park, Eastside Road, Windsor

The notice has been sent to all members by email. If yours spammed, got lost, or forgotten, contact lukrich@sonic.net 527-0795 with your intent to participate and what potluck item you wish to bring.

CORK ORDER - The order will be placed before month's end. Get your order to Bob Bennett.

GENCO BARREL PROJECT -

This Fall 8 members will make a barrel of Cabernet Sauvignon. The project is full.

CLUB WINEMAKING PROJECT -

Scheduled for last year, this project went by the wayside. Hopefully the current rainy spell will not interfere with the project again this year. Many of you will make Merlot wine picked and crushed from the same grapes and we'll compare what we get. Judgement day will be a potluck with tasting of the participant wines. Details will be emailed separately. Sign up with Bob.

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