



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Wednesday - May 25, 2011
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 6:30 PM



APRIL SUMMARY - BARREL USAGE IN CRAFTING WHITE WINES JOHN HAWLEY - OWNER/WINEMAKER, HAWLEY WINERY

John gave us a good rundown on many aspects of making white wine. He gave us his thoughts on whole cluster pressing, sulfur management, acid adjustment, barrel aging, malolactic management and much more. His career has been focused on large lots but it was obvious he now is enjoying making his Hawley wines in smaller lots and the freedom of expression that allows him. We tasted a few of his wines. Very nice!

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

How often should we rack and in what manner? Should we fine our wine, and if so with what materials? Should we filter and with what micron filter? What are the benefits and what are the disadvantages? Many different opinions and different practices exist among us and this should be an informative group discussion. If anyone has a finished wine that they have bottles fined and others unfined, or filtered and unfiltered, bring samples for us to compare, but let me know in advance. *Each person should bring three glasses.*

GENCO PICNIC - Sunday, July 31 4:00 Social, 5:30 Dinner Riverfront Park, Eastside Road, Windsor

We will return to Riverfront (County) Park this year, a beautiful redwood grove with a group picnic area. This will again be great. Bring a dish and wine. Details to follow.

CORK ORDER - It is time to place our order. The choices are grade UFB which we have been buying recently or UFB-1 which is one grade lower (a bit less pretty), just as effective and about a nickel less costly. Sign up at the meeting or call me with your order.

GENCO BARREL PROJECT - This Fall 8 members will make a barrel of Cabernet Sauvignon. The group will make the wine in my garage between Healdsburg and Windsor, I will give guidance, and you will take home 3+ cases of wine when it is done, at cost. No guarantees but this growing season is off to a good start and you should make a fine wine while picking up good insight into winemaking. 63 GENCO members have done this over the years. This project scheduled for last year was canceled due to the very poor crop yields so those who were scheduled for last year have first priority. Call me or sign up at the meeting.

CLUB WINEMAKING PROJECT - Scheduled for last year, this too went by the wayside. Many of you will make Merlot wine picked and crushed from the same grapes and we'll compare what we get. Judgment day will be a potluck with tasting of the participant wines. Details will follow.

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