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# Garage Enologists of North County

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**Next Meeting:** April 22, 2014 - Tuesday  
**Place:** Good Shepherd, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Glasses:** 3



Cool Cat

***MARCH MEET SUMMARY - FINDING BALANCE IN WINEMAKING***  
***NICHOLE BIRDSALL - WINEMAKER, ASTI WINERY***

Nichole covered many aspects of achieving balance in wines, and much more. She covered the main topic of managing acid and alcohol and making suitable adjustments, but she also discussed yeast management, fermentation, SO2 management, filtering, fining, and more. Her considerable knowledge came through in responding to the many questions that her discussion brought from the group. We closed out the meeting with the usual tasting and discussion of several wines.

***APRIL MEETING - MAKING WINES FOR THE AGES***  
***SUSAN LUEKER - DIR. OF WINEMAKING, SIMI WINERY***

Most wines are consumed within a week of purchase. But many finer wines are cellared to be consumed after achieving the richness of age and maturity. It doesn't just happen. Good winemaking management will do much to achieve the fullness of time in the bottle; SO2 management, alcohol, acid and tannin management, cellaring activities and storage, plus more. I can think of very few wineries that produce ageable wines as well as Simi. Susan has a Viticulture degree from U C Davis, considerable time with KJ, Dry Creek Vineyard, and now 13 years with Simi. She has the knowledge and experience and has graciously agree to share it with us. We will close out the meeting with a tasting of several varietal verticals so that we can experience the effects of maturity. **Bring 3 glasses each.**

***GENCO PICNIC - JUNE 14!!!*** This year on Saturday June 14 we will have another extraordinary potluck picnic accompanied by a plethora of some of the finest home wines to be found anywhere. We will return to the DeLong estate, an excellent location for a summer potluck. Mark your calendar **NOW** and reserve this date. Some wine, food, **maybe** some ping pong, croquet, wine, conversation, swimming, food, wine, lawn bowling, food, bocce ball, and wine. More details will follow.

***CORK PURCHASE*** - Natural corks will be ordered at the April and May meetings for early June delivery. Figure out what you need and give your order to Bob Bennett at a meeting, or call him with your request. If you prefer synthetic corks (Ugh! but save a lot of money), check with Bruce Hagen at 827-3399.

***GENCO TRAVEL*** - Help us to put together another fine wine country trip. Call Activities Chair Carol at 799-1382.

***COMPETITIONS*** - Marin and Orange County are coming up. Both are fine competitions and will give you good feedback on your wines. Details on the website.

***DUES*** - If you haven't made your \$20 annual contribution you are about to be dropped.

Bob Bennett 433-4574

