



Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: April 27, 2016 - Wednesday
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



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MARCH MEET SUMMARY – Eva Dehlinger, General Manager of Dehlinger Winery

Eva spoke to our group about Managing Oxidation in wine. She covered the topics of managing head space, bottling some wine early to use in topping off, using marbles to take up space, oxygenation during wine transfer, management of free So₂ from the start through bottling 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 Dehlinger wines.

APRIL MEETING – MAKING AGE WORTHY WINES – Bob Peak, Beverage People

Bob Peak has become distinguished as a columnist for Winemaker Magazine and will participate in several presentations at the Winemaker Conference here in Santa Rosa next month. He will lead the program on "Making Age-Worthy Wines". Many of us will not be attending the Conference so Bob will present that discussion at our April meeting. He will be discussing management of alcohol, acid, tannins and those wine elements that affect aging potential of wine. We will conclude the meeting with tasting of several aged wines. I ask for four volunteers who will each bring two bottles of one wine they made that is over 5 years old, the older the better. Hopefully they will have a brief description of skin time, alcohol & acid, barrel aging or not, months prior to bottling, and anything else they feel contributes to age-ability. The group will experience how the wine has developed over those years.

GENCO AWARD DINNER You missed a great time if you were unable to attend. There were a total of 93 entries (31 winemakers), 14 gold medals, 45 silver medals and 20 bronze medals. The full list is on the GENCO website. One correction to that list: Bob Bennett's Malbec received the Best of Show Red (shown incorrectly as Hagen's Cabernet) The two Best Of Show awards went to Bob Bennett's Malbec and Bruce and Linda Hagen's Chardonnay.

GENCO PICNIC – Sunday JUNE 26!!! This year on Sunday June 26th we will have another extraordinary potluck picnic accompanied by a plethora of some of the finest home wines to be found anywhere. We will be hosting the Contra Costa Wine Club who will be sharing the best of their wine with us. More details will follow.

Wine Competitions – Marin County Fair deadline is April 29th, Orange County Fair deadline is May 23rd and Bottle Shock deadline is June 24th. Check the GENCO website for details and web links.

Denise Wright, Secretary

