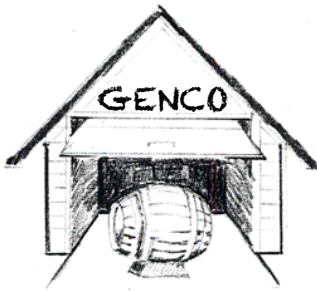




Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Tuesday - August 27, 2013
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
SPECIAL TIME: 6:30 PM
Glasses: 2

JULY MEETING - LET'S MAKE SPARKLING WINE

ROB McNEIL - DIRECTOR WINEMAKING, DON SEBASTIANI

Rob bedazzled us with his knowledge about making sparkling wine. He convinced us it is a challenge but also that it is rewarding. The difficult part is some equipment to do the job but the rewarding part is experiencing new activities and techniques, and hopefully a fine result. We should take our winemaking to the next level and make this most delectable wine. Rob shared some very nice sparkling wines. We also had a taste of Kevin Holloway's nice sparkler.

AUGUST MEETING -- HARVEST & WINEMAKING 2013 - Group Discussion

We have had this subject many years at this time. But who doesn't have something to learn, or to share? Vineyard evaluation, cold soaking, crushing, fermentation, extended maceration, defect avoidance, pressing, M/L activities. It's all up for discussion. It is about learning something, getting answers and picking up new ideas. Come on seasoned and successful winemakers; many of you have learned ideas and skills through GENCO. Help others gain similar knowledge. We will conclude the meeting by tasting several GENCO Competition Gold and Silver wines and hearing from the winemakers. **Note that the meeting start time is 6:30.** We will have a **Swap Meet from 6:30 to 7:15**. Bring your surplus winemaking materials and equipment for sale, trade, or give away. If you have stuff, be there early. You newcomers to winemaking, this is a great opportunity to pick up much needed and also nice to have materials at a fraction of the cost. There are likely to be carboys, bungs, beakers, pH meters, titrets, and who knows what else. Be there early for best selection.

GENCO PICNIC - Thanks Carol and all who gave their time to make this event another winner. Great location, food, wine and weather. Doesn't get any better!!

COMPETITIONS - GENCO competition is closed. The wines have been judged, but the results are secret. Come to the GENCO Competition dinner Saturday. Find out how you did, and if you did not enter a wine, come anyway for a fun filled evening of potluck and fine amateur wine, and announcement of the awards. Email Carol at activities@gencowinemakers.com to sign up.

Also, now is the time to enter your wines in the North Coast's favorite competition, the Harvest Fair. Delivery deadline is August 30 at the H F Office. This is a favorite of GENCO winemakers. The judging is good, the feedback is valuable.

GENCO BARREL - Still one spot left for the 2013 group barrel. This year it will be Syrah or Cab Sauv. It is a fun learning experience at Bennett Ridge and you will take home about 3 ½ cases of nice wine at a very reasonable cost!! Sign up with Bob at 433-4574 or email bennett9@aol.com.

MERLOT PROJECT -- Last chance to sign up for this challenging and fun GENCO activity!! Call or Email Bob on this one too.

HARVEST: THE MOVIE - If you ordered a copy and didn't get it, I will have it for you at the Aug meeting.