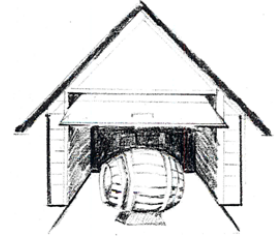




Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: August 26, 2014 - Tuesday
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



JULY MEETING – PRE-HARVEST ACTIVITIES – THE VINEYARD AND THE WINERY ROB DAVIS, WINEMAKER, JORDAN VINEYARD & WINERY

We had a very interesting meeting with Rob Davis. He gave us considerable insight into his long history with Jordan Vineyards and his experiences and learnings from the famed Andre Tchelistcheff. He observed that the single most important contributor to grape quality is soil composition and drainage. He observed that uniformity of bud break and the evenness of veraison are key indicators. Drop green fruit at about 85% veraison. He favors lower alcohol in wines but balance is key. Rob had much more to share plus he brought two recent vintages of Cabernet Sauvignon for us to try, vintages he said are among the best ever from Jordan. An enjoyable evening.

AUGUST MEETING WINE DEFECT AVOIDANCE - MICHELLE BOWEN, WINE SERVICES DIRECTOR, ENARTIS-VINQUIRY

Who does not identify with this subject? As winemakers we need to maintain vigilance over the many possible factors that can spoil our efforts. In this meeting, Michelle will consider the issues that may influence quality, such as the chemical background that leads to visual defects (hazes, crystals, color, etc.), oxidation, volatile acidity (vinegar), sulfur compounds (H₂S, mercaptans), microbial effects, green characters and more. She has considerable experience with this subject and will share a power point program that she has presented at Winemaking Conferences. We rely on Vinqury for analysis and materials. Let them help us get ready for the 2014 harvest by sharing in this knowledge about how to make wines of quality.

ACTIVITIES - Look forward to a Harvest Party, October 11, at beautiful Kachina Vineyards in Dry Creek Valley. Mark your calendars! We also intend to have a Genco wine experience in Anderson Valley and nearby Redwood Valley in late October or early November.

COMPETITIONS - Harvest Fair deadline is August 29. It is the favorite of many Genco members but is getting pricey at \$12/bottle. Nevertheless, get your entries submitted. The first ever Bottleshock Open was held recently with about 200 entries from all around California. There were very few entries from the North Coast. It promises to be a quality competition but it is in infancy. Maybe next year we'll try it.

GENCO BARREL - The current Genco barrel of Syrah is tasting fine and will be bottled this month. **There are a few spots left for the 2014 group barrel of Merlot.** Harvest is just around the corner so get signed up for this shared learning experience. You will gain a great deal of knowledge about winemaking and you will ultimately take home about 3 ½ cases of nice wine at a very reasonable cost!! Call or email Bob Bennett to participate.

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