



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: August 24 - Wednesday
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 6:30 PM



JUNE SUMMARY - VINE BALANCE THRU NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

Pete Sweeney - Vineyard Consultant, AG UNLIMITED, Geyserville

The consensus was that this was an excellent presentation. Pete put vine nutrition into perspective with clarity and humor. Put in simple terms, grapes need balance in a broad number of chemical nutrients. Each is important and we need to replace what they take from the plant. We concluded the meeting with a tasting of several Bordeaux varietal barrel samples. We had a nice turnout for this interesting meeting.

AUGUST MEETING - PREPARATION FOR HARVEST -- WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Harvest is around the corner and we better get ready. Get current wines taken care of so you can focus on the new harvest, bottle to free up containers, get equipment in shape, buy your supplies, and if you have a vineyard, pretty soon you'll be monitoring the progress of the grapes so you can prepare your schedule. Much to do. We'll have a group discussion that should be of interest to all. We will follow-up with our own judging of member Chardonnays. Bring two bottles to share and be judged. It should be a good evening.

GENCO PICNIC - Big turnout, great time, good food & wine, weather perfect. What a day to spend time together. Thanks greatly to Cathleen Lukrich, Kevin Baughman, and all their unsung helpers, particularly those who cleaned up after. It is not a simple task to put this together.

CORK ORDER - If you haven't picked up your order, contact Bob Bennett at 433-4574. If you missed out on ordering, I have some more available.

WINE COMPETITIONS - Get your wines submitted for the Harvest Fair. The deadline is August 19. This is the favorite competition of our members. But then again, late this year we will have our first GENCO wine competition. Details will follow. Why not enter both?

CLUB WINEMAKING PROJECT -

Many of you will make Merlot wine this fall 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. If you haven't yet contacted Bob indicating your interest in participating, best do it soon.

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