



Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: February 24, 2015
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY - ACTIVITIES DURING THE AGING PROCESS GROUP DISCUSSION

Kevin Holloway led a wide ranging discussion on the key responsibilities during aging of wine, a most timely discussion as we are in what many consider a “down time” in the winemaking cycle. We had an informative discussion on the aging elements - cold stabilizing, clarification, topping up/ So2 maintenance, M/L checking, filtering/fining and oak additions. While opinions varied, consensus was strong on the importance of keeping barrels full and staying on top of SO2. We ended the meeting with several excellent Rhone style varietals. At the meeting we voted Holloway in as President and Denise Wright agreed to be the new Secretary, to be approved at the next meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING - BOTTLING YOUR BABY! BOB PEAK, The Beverage People and Techniques Columnist, Winemaker Magazine

Bottling is much more than just putting wine in glass. You need to first get your finished wine ready for this final step. Understand what the keys are to making sure your wine is bottle-ready and then the right tips and techniques for proper bottling. Plus you’ve got a range of equipment options to consider. Bob will walk us through this important last – and often little-considered – step in winemaking. Bob will be making this presentation as one of the key classes at the upcoming Winemaker Magazine Conference in Portland. With many of us bottling in the next few months we should take advantage of this opportunity for guidance. To end the meeting please volunteer and talk about two bottles of a barrel sample that you plan to bottle in the near future.

GENCO COMPETITION - Wine judging will be April 9 and the awards dinner will be April 25. Learn at the February meeting how to prepare, then bottle so that your wines will be ready for judging. We have highly qualified judges and promise you good feedback on your wines. The other competition on the immediate horizon is Winemaker Magazine to be held in April with a March 6 entry deadline coming up.

GENCO TRAVEL - We are going to the vital **Livermore Valley** May 1 – 4 for a unique wine country experience. Our visit will coincide with the exciting Livermore Wine Country Festival. Don’t miss it!! Share in the Festival as well as special activities arranged by and for us. Accommodations are limited so get your reservation early. **Details** are in the member area of the **Genco website**.

DUES - Annual dues are \$27 per family. If you haven’t remitted, you can pay at the Feb meeting. Alternatively mail a check made out to GENCO. Mail to our Treasurer Rita Maloney, 6169 San Bruno Ct, Rohnert Park 94928.

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