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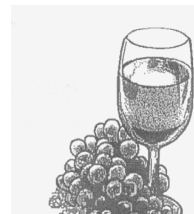


Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: February 24 - Tuesday

Place: Windsor Library

Time: 7:00 PM



JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY – RECORD KEEPING & LABEL MAKING

We had a surprise slide presentation by Kevin McCann of photos of the vineyard and also of the winemaking process by our GENCO winemaking group. The show is still in the formative stages but the photos are high quality and very interesting. We had a good discussion on label making with members talking about methods and programs they use, including graphics, how they apply the labels and how they preserve them. We also had a clue about websites that will do interesting labels for us. Try www.winelabelsdirect.com. That was followed by discussion on record keeping and we closed out the meeting with a judging of white wines. Many silver and silver plus but Hagens got the only gold for 2008 Sauvignon Blanc. Nice turnout for the meeting. (Who lost a Plantronics ear device?)

FEBRUARY MEETING – OAK USAGE and BARREL ALTERNATIVES

Martin McCarthy, Tonnellerie Radoux

Martin will talk to us about several valuable uses for oak products in winemaking. Oak suppliers are all touting use of oak powder, granulates, and chips during or immediately following the fermentation process to enhance the quality of your wine. They also supply oak staves and sticks for oaking during the aging process. Martin will discuss these winemaking tools available from Radoux and he will also talk about oak aging of wine, touching on differing characteristics of alternative oak origins. He will close out the meeting with a tasting of wine barrel samples that exemplify the effects of differing use of oak materials. This meeting should be very interesting and informative for your wine making efforts.

MARCH PLANT TOUR -- TONNELLERIE RADOUX

I have arranged two tours of the Radoux barrel plant on Airport Way, one Tuesday March 17 and the other Friday March 20. Each starts promptly at 9 a. m. We have room for up to 12 people in each tour. We can arrange a later date for another tour if necessary. Call me to schedule yourself on a tour (leave a message if we are not home.)

COMPETITIONS – Nothing until March Winemaker Magazine (too expensive for me) and then Home Wine & Beer Trade Assn (Beverage People are your sponsor) in April.

DUES – This notice will have a note if you are overdue on dues contribution or if you are about to be removed due to non-participation. It will be your last notice in either case unless I hear from you.

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