



## Garage Enologists of North County

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday - January 22, 2013  
**Place:** Good Shepherd, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Wine Glasses:** 3



### **NOVEMBER MEET SUMMARY - INTEGRATING OAK FLAVORS INTO WINES**

Jeff Murrell of Stavín gave us a lot of good info on oaking of wines. He talked about the benefits of micro-oxygenation, fermenting with oak, oak aging, and much more. He supported his presentation with sampling of some wines that had varying oak interaction and characteristics. Thank you Jeff!!

**CHRISTMAS PARTY - Wow!!** Carol and her elves again did an outstanding job decorating, and you the members provided the fine food and wine. The entertainment and sing-along was appreciated and Steve impressed us with a summary of GENCO activities during the year 2012. What a finish to the year!! We could not have done it without the commitment and dedication of so many.

### **JANUARY MEETING - RECORD KEEPING & LABEL MAKING GROUP DISCUSSION**

We can keep our winemaking records in many ways - a chronological log of everything we do, a sheet for each wine, we can keep it manually, on the computer, Excel, Word, a database management program, other. I want us to share our ideas on record keeping, talking about forms and templates used, what is important to write down, etc. Also, I have seen many great labels come out of our group; very professional looking. I want us to share ideas of the medium we use to create them, where we go for clip art and scannable design, and how we print them. **I encourage those of you who are skilled at making labels to come share your ideas and knowledge, and show some of your work.** We need your expertise. We can also talk a little about how we affix the labels.

We will also have an election of 2013 officers and we will conclude the meeting with a **taste off of white wines and rose's, excluding Chardonnay.** Barrel samples OK.

**GENCO TRAVEL** - Look forward to a trip this year to somewhere on the Central Coast.

**COMPETITIONS** - Get an advance look at judge opinions about your wines at the Geyserville Chamber competition. It is a very small and unheralded competition but the lineup of judges is impressive. Wine experts from Bertapelle, Dutcher Crossing, Forchini, Rickards, Silver Oak, Trione & more will share their opinions. Deliver wines to Bosworth & Sons, Geyserville by February 2. Information and forms available on the GENCO website under Awards & Competitions.

**DUES** - Annual dues are \$20 per family and should be paid at the Jan or Feb meeting. Alternatively mail a check made out to Mike Miller, 1865 Trimble Ln, Cloverdale, 95425. New members who paid in Nov or Dec are covered for this year.

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