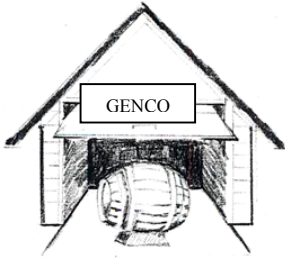




Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Tuesday - January 28, 2014
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 4

NOVEMBER MEET SUMMARY – VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

JIM YOUNG, ROBERT YOUNG VINEYARDS

Jim gave us some good insight into management and care of award winning grapes. It was interesting that he does some management practices that are different from the more standard practices. He also gave us insight into this storied family's history. It was obvious from his discussion about managing several hundred acres of family vineyards that he is one of the premier grape growing managers in the county and beyond. He also shared with us some fine Robert Young Vineyards wines. Thanks Jim!!

JANUARY MEETING - TESTING, EVALUATING, AND ADJUSTING CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF WINE --- BOB BENNETT and ATTENDEES

Grapes should be in perfect balance when picked but that is often not the case. Ideally you don't want to mess with your wine in progress but unlike commercial wineries who have many lots to evaluate and blend, we usually have one only. We will discuss what is important to test, how and when we do it, and then whether and how we will choose to make adjustments to the makeup of the wine. We will also touch on the negative aspects of making adjustments. We have not focused on this subject at GENCO since 2009. We will conclude the meeting with a **taste off of Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Bring two bottles** for our evaluation.



We will all gain judging experience by being the judges of your wine!

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. What a finish to the year!! We could not have done it without the commitment and dedication of so many.

GENCO TRAVEL - Look forward to a trip this year to somewhere.

GENCO BARREL UPDATE - Resting quietly, our barrel of Syrah is showing promise despite the starting imbalance due to picking in the rain. (Really? Rain?) ML is done.

SUPPLIES PURCHASE - Bob has some oak beans left if you have not taken care of your needs.

GENCO COMPETITION - Get your wines ready. It will be in the Spring this year and thereafter.

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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